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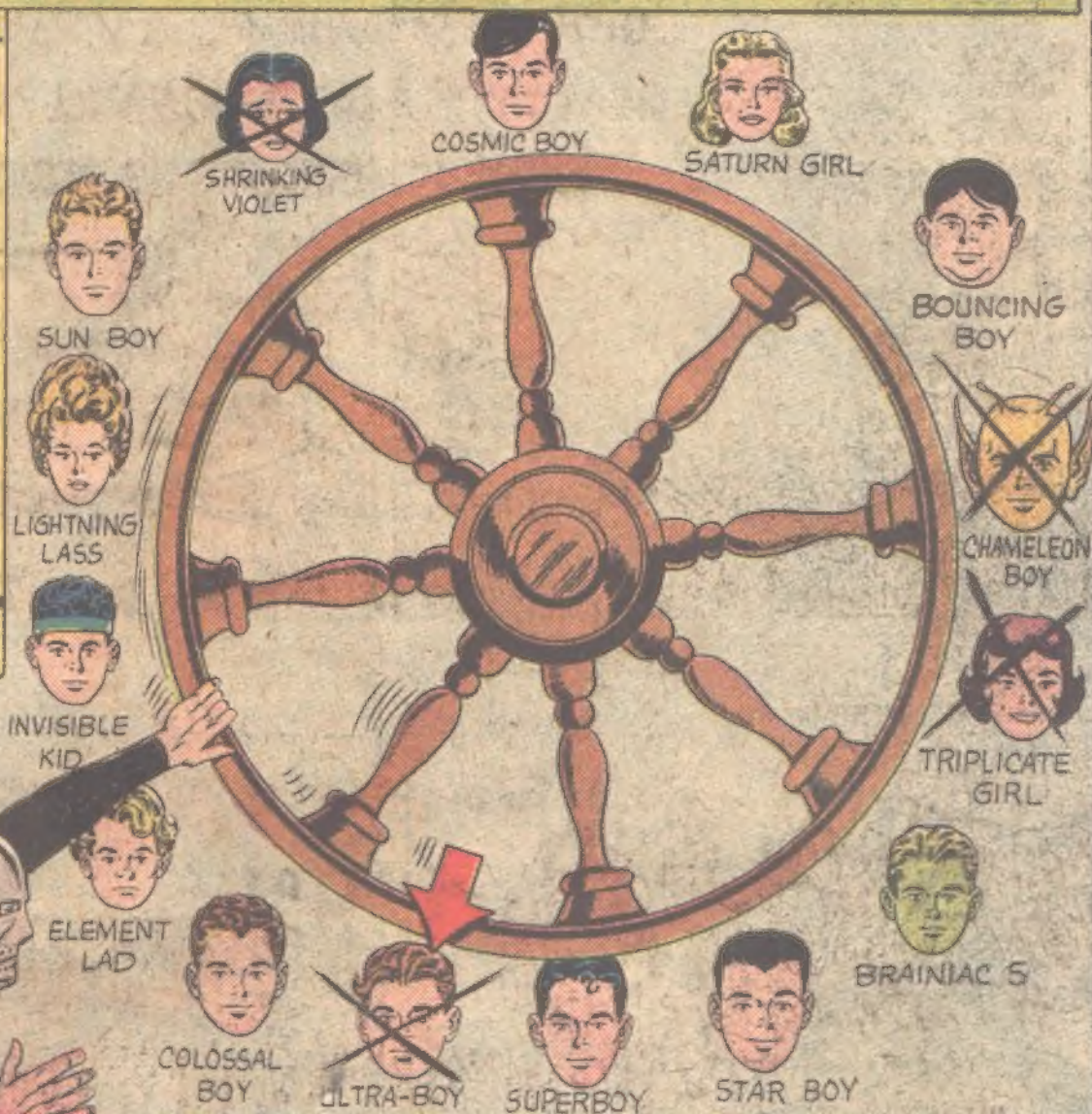
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**, IN ITS BATTLE AGAINST WRONGDOERS IN THE UNIVERSE OF THE 30TH CENTURY, HAS NEVER MET DEFEAT...UNTIL NOW!

BUT NOW IT IS NOT MERELY DEFEAT, BUT **DESTRUCTION** THAT OVERTAKES THE LEGION! FOR THEIR GREAT SUPER-POWERS ARE AS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE POWERS WIELDED BY A DEADLY ENEMY WHO HAS DECREED...

"The DOOM of the SUPER-HEROES!"

I'VE ALREADY KILLED MANY OF THE SUPER-HEROES... WHICH ONE OF THEM SHALL DIE NEXT?



EVERYONE KNOWS THE GLAMOROUS SUPER-HEROES OF THE 30TH CENTURY... BUT FEW REALIZE THEIR CAREERS INCLUDE HARD **WORK!**

WE'VE...; PUFF... ALMOST GOT THIS ROCKET-TUBE OUT, **SUN BOY!** BUT THERE ARE A LOT MORE OF THEM!

I KNOW, BUT THEY ALL HAVE TO BE CHECKED AND CLEANED AS USUAL, **CHAMELEON BOY!**



IN THEIR CLUBHOUSE, OTHER MEMBERS ARE BUSY WITH OTHER VITAL CHORES... AND I'M THROUGH

BRAINIAC 5 AND I HAVE INSPECTED ALL THE FLYING BELTS, **COSMIC BOY!**

OVERHAULING THE WEAPONS, **SATURN GIRL!** JUST IN TIME... THE REST OF THE LEGION WILL SOON ARRIVE FOR THE ANNUAL **RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY**, NOW THAT WE'VE PAINTED OUR SPACE SHIPS IN THE LEGION COLORS!



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FROM ALL POINTS IN SPACE COME THE LEGIONNAIRES... AND ONE OF THEM COMES FROM THE PAST...

SUPERBOY, WE WERE AFRAID YOU'D FORGOTTEN... BUT YOU CAME THROUGH THE TIME-DIMENSION AFTER ALL!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, **MON-EL**! AND **BOUNCING BOY** AND THE OTHERS ARE ARRIVING... IT'S TIME FOR THE **REDEDICATION**!



SOON, THE ASSEMBLED SUPER-HEROES SOLEMNLY REPEAT A VOW!

I PLEDGE ALWAYS TO USE MY SUPER-POWER ONLY FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE, AND NEVER FOR SELFISH PURPOSES!



A LITTLE LATER, AS **SUPERBOY** IS ABOUT TO RETURN TO THE 20TH CENTURY...

LOOK, A **SCIENCE POLICE** ALARM ON OUR MONITOR-SCREEN!

A MYSTERIOUS MASKED RAIDER IS LOOTING **METROPOLIS**! HE'S USING SUPER-MAGNETIC POWERS SUCH AS ONLY **COSMIC BOY** HAS!



BUT **COSMIC BOY** IS RIGHT HERE!

MON-EL AND I WILL GET TO THIS RAIDER FAST!

SUPERBOY, WE CAN'T FLY LIKE YOU AND **MON-EL**, BUT WE'LL ALL FOLLOW BY USING OUR ANTI-GRAVITY BELTS!



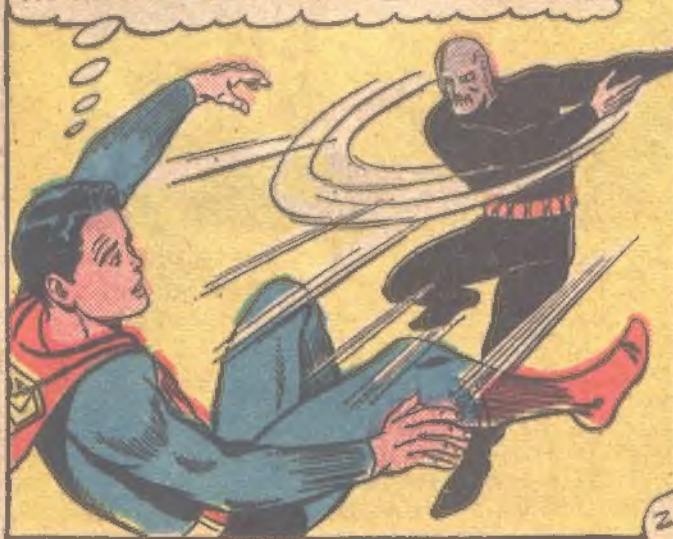
THERE HE IS, USING SUPER-MAGNETISM TO DRAW STEEL TREASURE VAULTS UP FROM THE CITY! BUT I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE... HE WEARS A LEAD MASK!

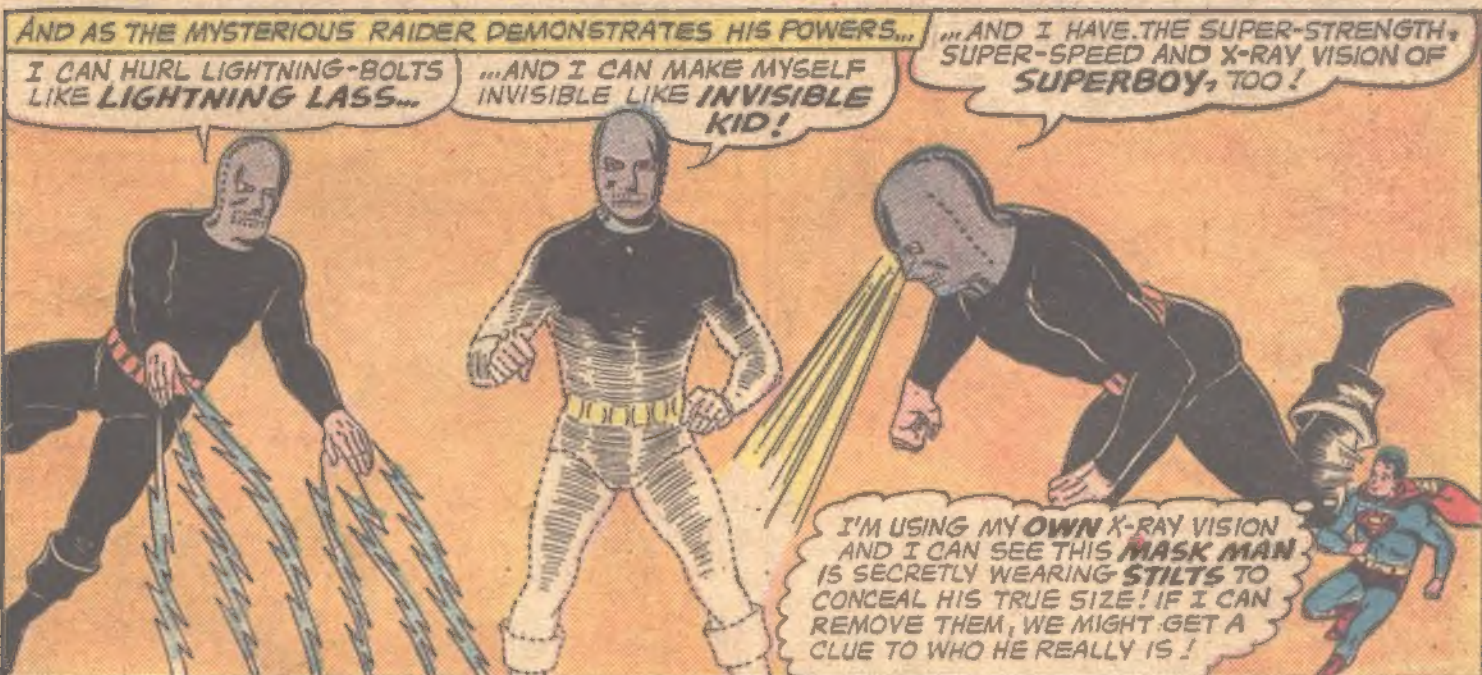
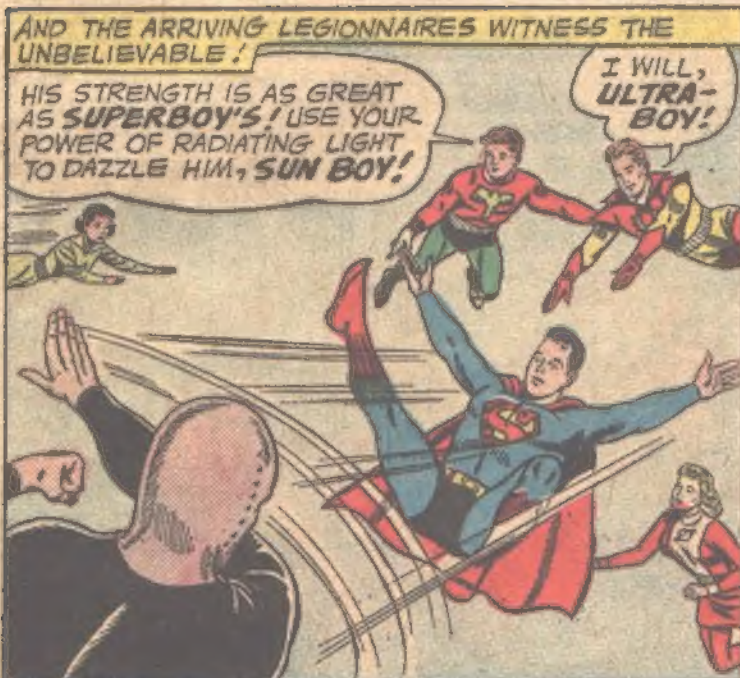
YOU CATCH AND RETURN THE VAULTS, **MON-EL**. I'LL GRAB THIS MYSTERIOUS **MASK MAN**!



BUT WHEN HE DOES SO, **SUPERBOY** GETS THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE...

IT'S INCREDIBLE... I'M USING MY FULL SUPER-STRENGTH, BUT HE'S AS STRONG AS I AM, OR **STRONGER**!





AND, TURNING LOOSE A TERRIBLE AND UNEXPECTED SUPER-POWER...

YOU, **ULTRA-BOY**, ARE THE FIRST TO DIE... BY MY SUPER-FREEZING POWER!

COLD... PARALYZING ME... KILLING ME... OH!

ULTRA-BOY WAS INSTANTLY FROZEN! HE'S NOT IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, NOR IN A COMA... HE'S DEAD!

OH, NO...

NOTHING CAN RESTORE HIM TO LIFE, BUT WE CAN DEAL JUSTICE TO-- TO HIS MURDERER! HE'S FLYING AWAY... AFTER HIM!

BUT AS **MASK MAN** ZOOMS HIGH INTO THE AIR, HE STRIKES AGAIN!

I'LL STOP THOSE TWO LEGIONNAIRES WITH MY **MATTER-CREATING** POWER!

OUT OF NOTHING, A TERRIFIC MENACE SUDDENLY IS CREATED! HE USED SOME POWER TO CREATE **GREEN KRYPTONITE** ALL AROUND US... IT'S PARALYZING ME... WILL KILL ME...

I'M NOT AFFECTED BY IT! I'LL SWEEP IT UP AND HURL IT AWAY!

BUT AFTER **MON-EL**'S HEROIC ACTION HAS REMOVED THE MENACE...

I'M ALL RIGHT NOW, BUT HE GOT AWAY! HIS POWERS ARE REALLY AWESOME!

AND HE SWORE HE'D USE THEM TO DESTROY US ALL! WE'D BETTER CONSULT WITH THE REST OF THE LEGION, QUICKLY!

BUT FIRST, THERE IS A SAD CEREMONY TO PERFORM!

ULTRA-BOY... THE SECOND OF US TO DIE SINCE OUR LEGION WAS FOUNDED! **LIGHTNING LAD** WAS FIRST!

AND WHO KNOWS WHICH ONE OF US WILL BE NEXT?

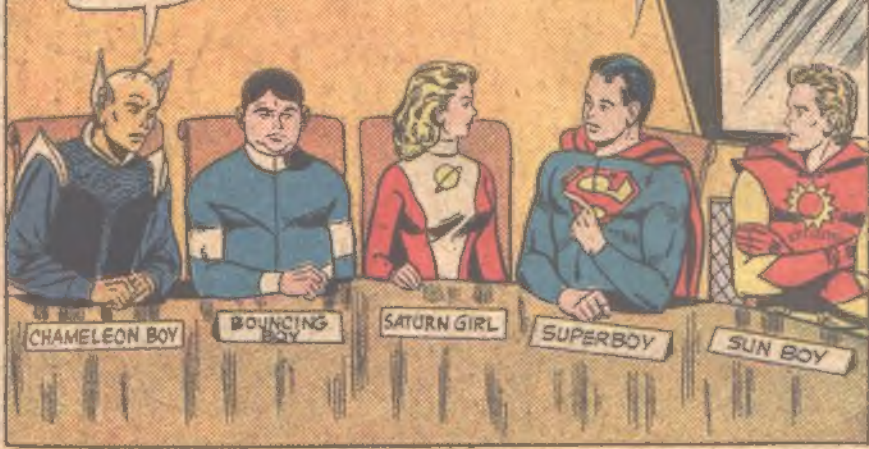
IN THE CLUBHOUSE THAT NIGHT, AS A STORM THUNDERS OVERHEAD, AS IF IN OMINOUS WARNING...



...THERE IS HELD THE TENSEST COUNCIL IN THE LEGION'S HISTORY!

MASK MAN WILL USE HIS INCREDIBLE POWERS TO PICK US OFF ONE BY ONE, IF WE DON'T GET HIM FIRST AND STOP HIM!

CHAMELEON BOY IS RIGHT... WE'RE FIGHTING NOW FOR SELF-PRESERVATION! WE MUST FIND OUT WHERE HE COMES FROM AND HOW HE ACQUIRED THOSE POWERS!



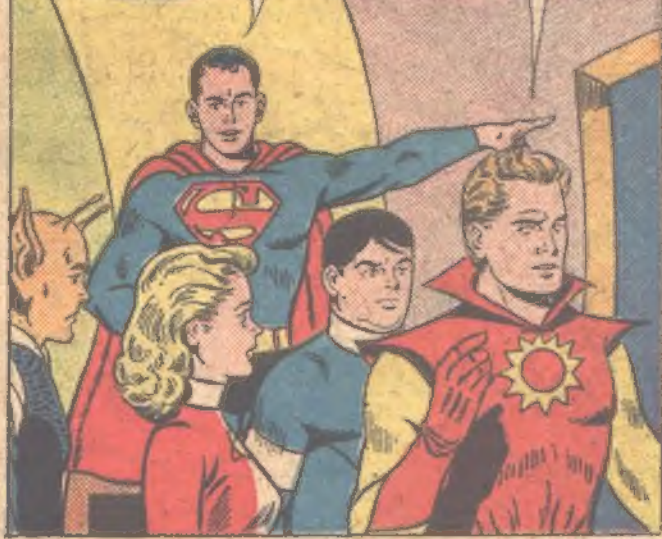
THERE'S ONLY ONE WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE AS SMALL AS **MASK MAN**... THE SO-CALLED **DOLL WORLD**, IN THIS PART OF SPACE!

THAT'S THE DIRECTION HE WAS HEADING FOR WHEN WE PURSUED HIM!



THEN WE'LL LOOK FOR HIM ON THE **DOLL WORLD**! EVERY LEGIONNAIRE WILL BE NEEDED IN THIS FIGHT!

IT WILL TAKE TWO SHIPS TO HOLD US ALL, BUT WE'LL ALL GO!



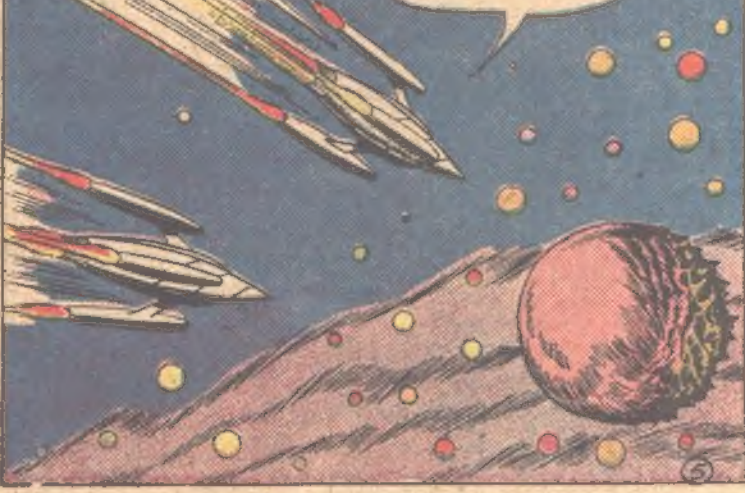
UP THROUGH STORM AND NIGHT SCREAM TWO SWIFT SPACE-SHIPS, CARRYING THE ENTIRE LEGION ON ITS LIFE-OR-DEATH MISSION!



LATER, APPROACHING THE PLANET KNOWN AS THE **DOLL WORLD**...

THERE ARE TWO CITIES OF THE **DOLL FOLK**, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THOSE MOUNTAINS, **SUPERBOY**!

THEN LAND SECRETLY IN THE MOUNTAINS! WE'VE GOT TO USE EXTREME CAUTION, FOR **MASK MAN** IS A DEADLY FOE!



WE NEED FIRST TO SEARCH THOSE CITIES AND SEE IF **MASK MAN** IS THERE... BUT WE'D BE NOTICED INSTANTLY, AS WE'RE BIGGER!

I CAN SEARCH THE WESTERN CITY, **INVISIBLY**, WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!

INVISIBLE KID IS RIGHT! **CHAMELEON BOY** AND I CAN SEARCH THE EASTERN CITY!

AND AS **SHRINKING VIOLET** USES HER SUPER-POWER OF SHRINKING TO BECOME SMALL...

SHE'LL PASS AS ONE OF THE DOLL-FOLK...AND **CHAMELEON BOY**, WITH HIS POWER OF SUPER-DISGUISE, HAS MADE HIMSELF DOLL-SIZED, TOO!

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT IF **MASK MAN** IS IN THE EASTERN CITY!

SOON, TWO DARING LEGIONNAIRES IN DISGUISE APPROACH ONE OF THE STRANGEST CITIES IN THE UNIVERSE!

I'LL TAKE THE STREETS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE CITY, AND YOU GO THROUGH THE STREETS ON THIS SIDE! BE CAREFUL!

I WILL!

THEN YOU NEVER HEARD OF A DOLL-MAN WHO HAS SUPER-POWERS?

NO! BUT **AK ARU**, THE SCIENTIST, IS THE WISEST MAN OF OUR PEOPLE, AND CAN TELL YOU IF ANYONE CAN! HE LIVES THERE!

PRESENTLY...

YES, I AM **AK ARU**, THE SCIENTIST! I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT DOLL-MAN WHO HAS SUCH AWFUL SUPER-POWERS!

YOU DO? WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?

HERE! HA! HA!

YOU...YOU ARE **MASK MAN**! YOU TIED UP THE REAL **AK ARU**!

MUST RUN... TELL THE OTHERS...

BUT BEFORE **SHRINKING VIOLET** CAN FLEE, DOOM STRIKES!

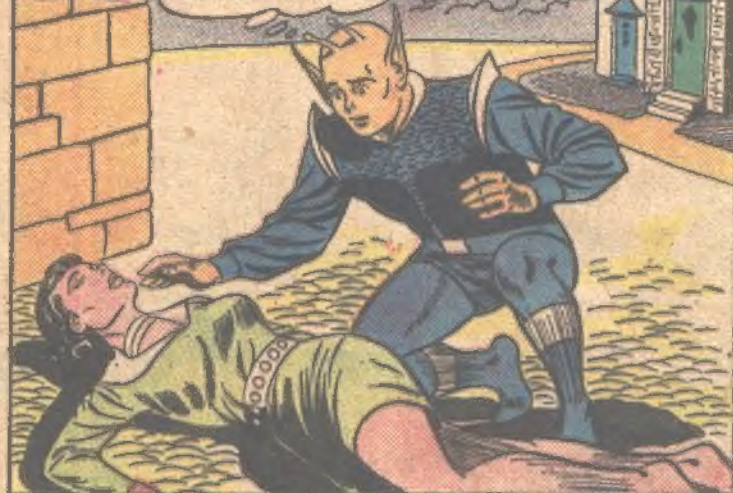
AND **YOU** ARE THE NEXT LEGIONNAIRE TO DIE!

HIS SUPER-LIGHTNING...
"STRUCK ME... I'M...
DYING..."

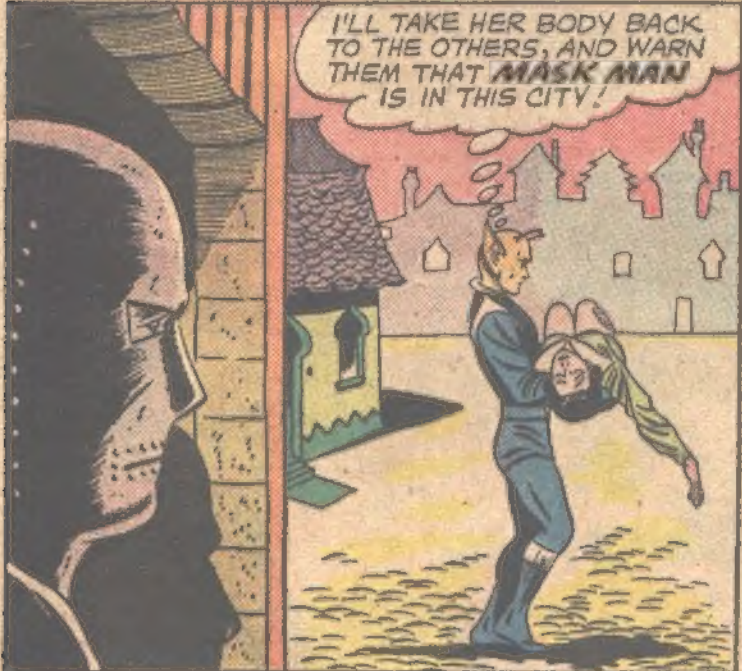


CHAMELEON BOY, HEARING THE BLAST OF LIGHTNING BOLTS, HURRIES TO FIND HIS COMRADE, BUT TOO LATE...

SHRINKING VIOLET DEAD!
MASK MAN MUST HAVE
DONE THIS!



I'LL TAKE HER BODY BACK TO THE OTHERS, AND WARN THEM THAT **MASK MAN** IS IN THIS CITY!

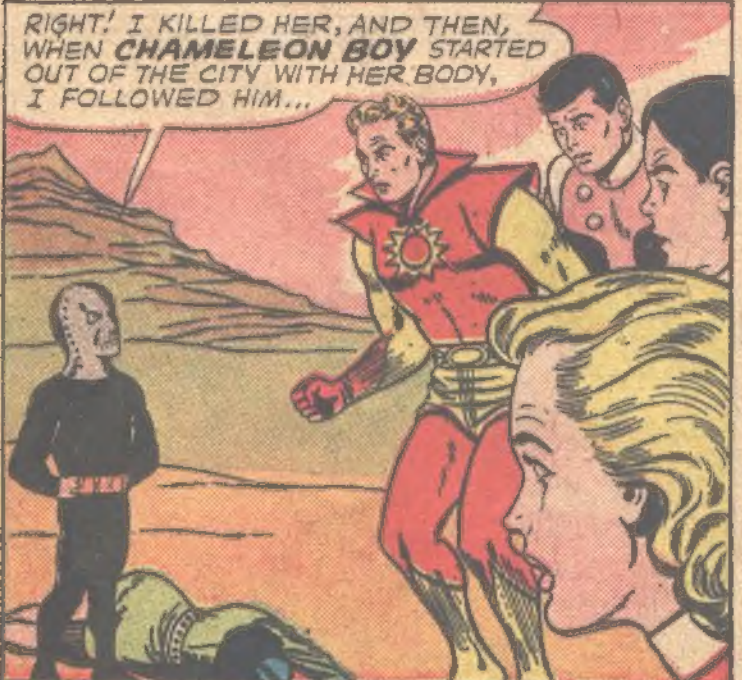


SOON AFTERWARD...
CHAMELEON BOY
IS CARRYING
SHRINKING VIOLET! SHE
LOOKS DEAD!

WAIT! I'M
USING MY
TELEPATHIC
POWER TO
READ HIS
MIND! THAT
ISN'T
CHAMELEON
BOY!

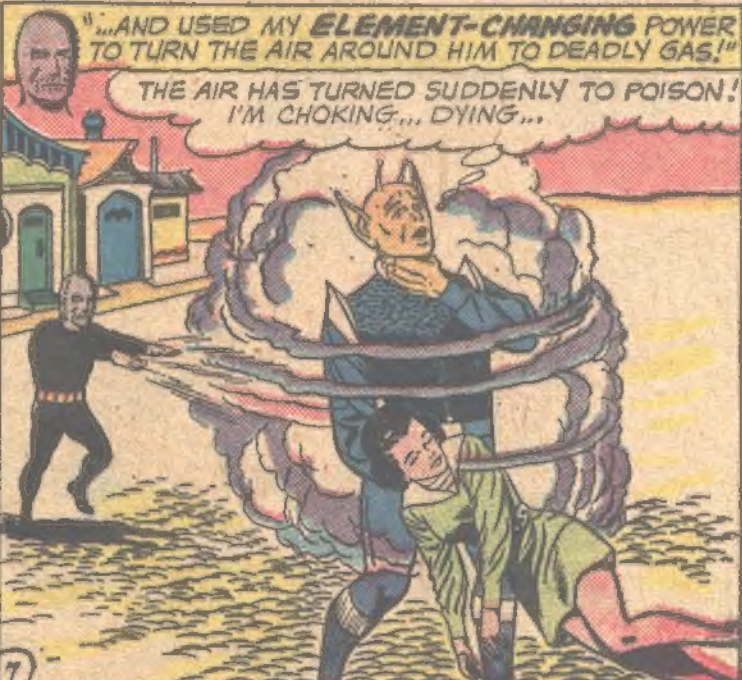


RIGHT! I KILLED HER, AND THEN, WHEN **CHAMELEON BOY** STARTED OUT OF THE CITY WITH HER BODY, I FOLLOWED HIM...



"...AND USED MY **ELEMENT-CHANGING** POWER TO TURN THE AIR AROUND HIM TO DEADLY GAS!"

THE AIR HAS TURNED SUDDENLY TO POISON!
I'M CHOKING... DYING...



YOU'LL NEVER THOUGHT-CAST AGAIN, **SATURN GIRL**! I'LL USE YOUR OWN TELEPATHIC RECEIVING POWER TO KILL YOU! I WILL PROJECT A **SUPER-TELEPATHIC COMMAND** ORDERING YOU TO **DIE**!

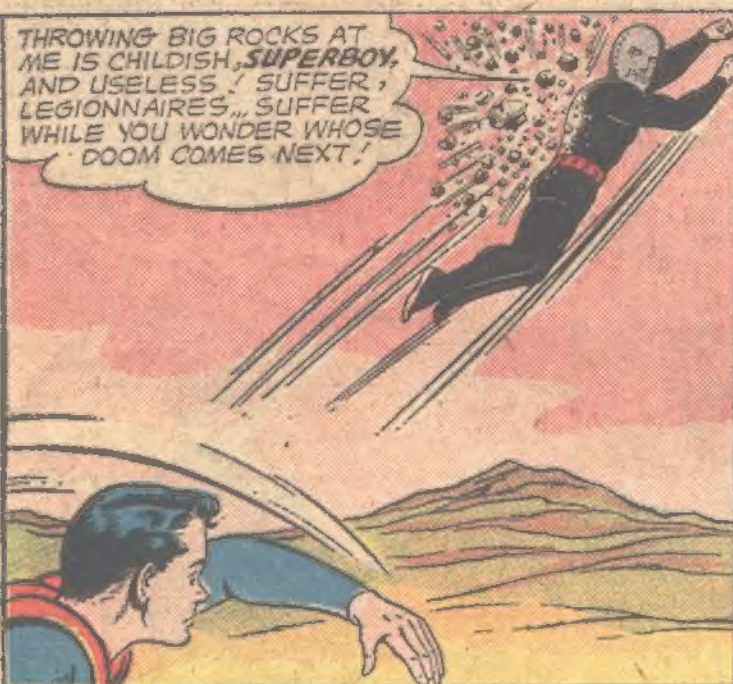
KNOCK HER OUT, **BRAINIAC 5**! IF SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ANY TELEPATHIC COMMANDS!



HA, HA!... **SUN BOY'S** HEAT-RADIANCE IS AS 'HARMLESS' TO ME AS **LIGHTNING LASS'** BOLTS! I COULD KILL MORE OF YOU RIGHT NOW - BUT I WANT YOU TO SUFFER A WHILE AS I SUFFERED WHEN YOU MADE ME LAUGHED AT!



THROWING BIG ROCKS AT ME IS CHILDISH, **SUPERBOY**, AND USELESS! SUFFER, **LEGIONNAIRES**! SUFFER WHILE YOU WONDER WHOSE DOOM COMES NEXT!



THEN, BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES, **MASK MAN** DISAPPEARS!

HE'S GONE, AND WE'VE NO WAY TO TRACK HIM!

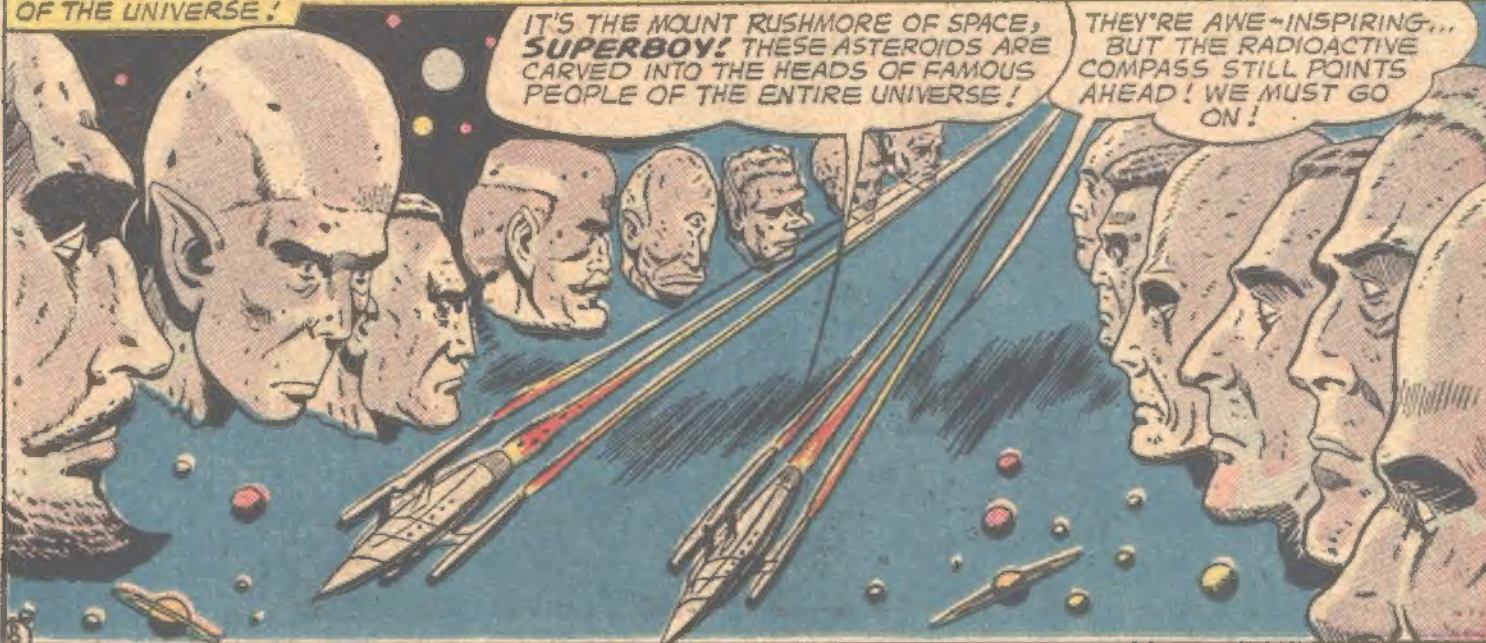
WE DO HAVE A WAY! THAT ROCK I HURLED AT HIM WAS **RADIOACTIVE** AND IT SMEARED RADIOACTIVE DUST ON HIM WHEN IT SHATTERED! THAT'S WHY I DID IT...YOUR RADIOACTIVE COMPASSES CAN POINT TO WHEREVER HE GOES!



FOLLOWING THE RADIOACTIVE CLUE ACROSS SPACE, THE DESPERATE LEGIONNAIRES REACH ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE!

IT'S THE MOUNT RUSHMORE OF SPACE, **SUPERBOY**! THESE ASTEROIDS ARE CARVED INTO THE HEADS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

THEY'RE AWE-INSPIRING... BUT THE RADIOACTIVE COMPASS STILL POINTS AHEAD! WE MUST GO ON!



SUDDENLY, AS THE TWO LEGION SHIPS RACE HEADLONG.

LOOK, THAT ASTEROID SUDDENLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF OUR OTHER SHIP! **MASK MAN** USED HIS POWER OF CREATING MATTER TO MAKE IT MATERIALIZE!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR OUR OTHER SHIP TO SWERVE "THEY'LL CRASH!"

IT'S THE END OF OUR FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES IN THAT SHIP! **TRIPPLICATE GIRL, ELEMENT LAD, PHANTOM GIRL...THEY AND THE OTHERS IN IT ARE DEAD!**

MASK MAN'S POWERS ARE TOO MUCH FOR US! HE'S DESTROYING US, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, JUST AS HE THREATENED!

WE'VE GOT TO DEFEAT HIM SOME-
HOW! **MASK MAN** MUST HAVE
SOME SECRET VULNERABILITY,
AND WE HAVE TO KEEP ALIVE
UNTIL WE DISCOVER WHAT
IT IS!

BUT HOW CAN WE? HE'LL GO ON USING HIS TERRIFIC POWERS TO WIPE US OUT!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE! WE'LL BUILD THE GREATEST STADEL OF ALL TIME TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST **MASK MAN** UNTIL WE LEARN HOW TO FIGHT HIM! HEAD FOR AN UNINHABITED PLANET, WHERE WE CAN MAKE OUR **LAST STAND FOR LIFE!**

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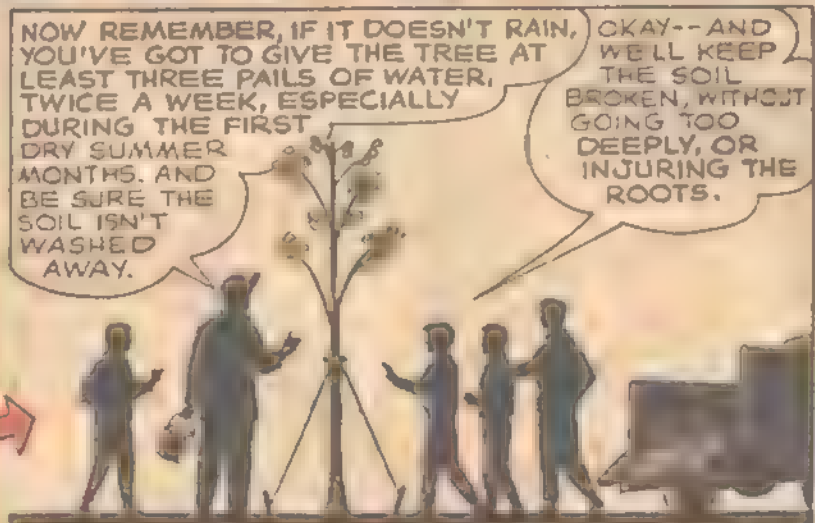
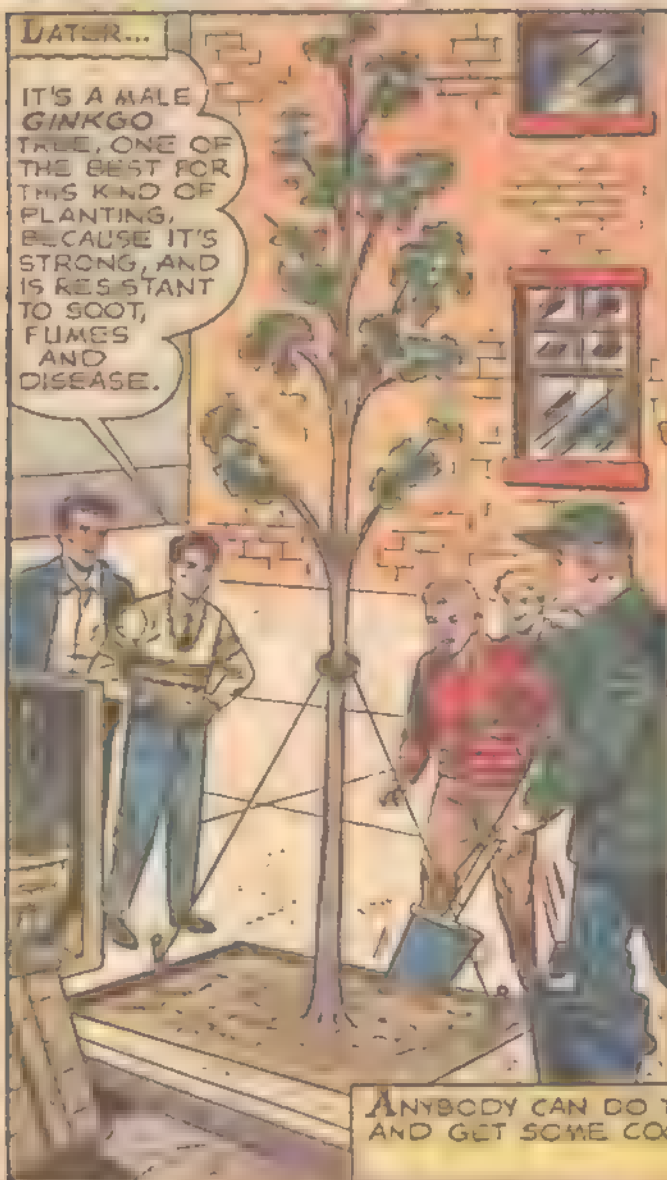
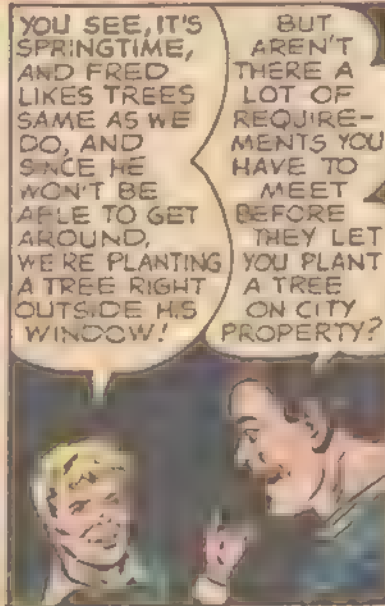
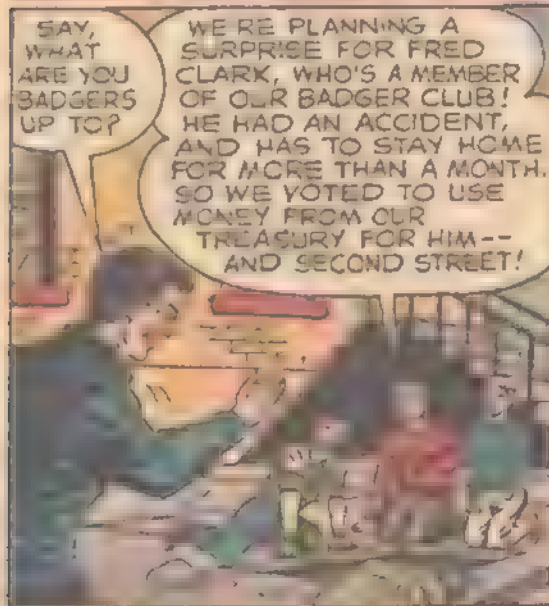
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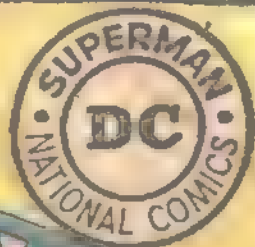
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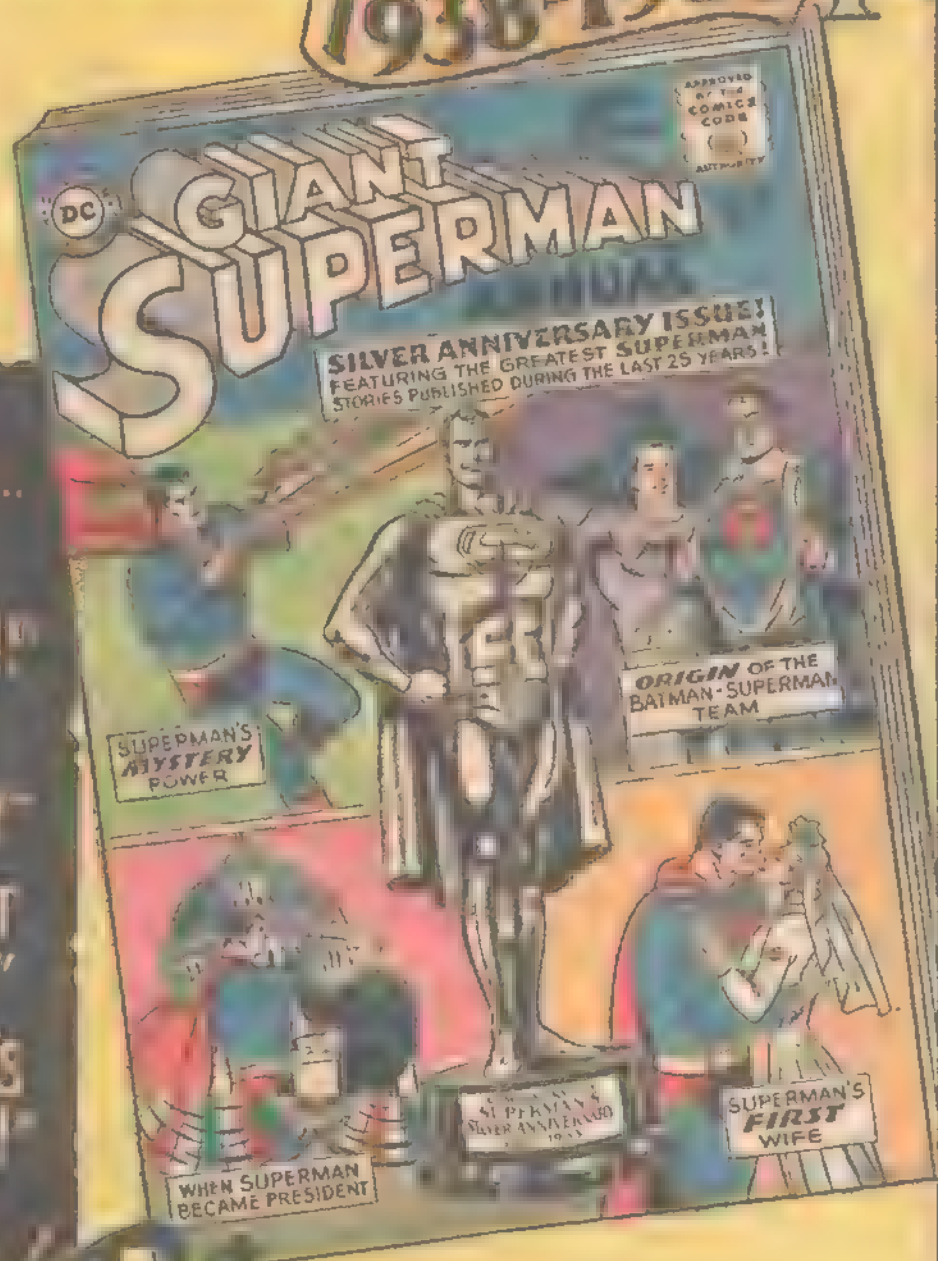
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THE INCREDIBLE HAS HAPPENED AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE GREAT LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ARE DEAD! AND ACROSS THE UNIVERSE THE HATRED OF THEIR MOST RELENTLESS ENEMY PURSUES THEM, STRIKING AT THEM WITH TERRIBLE SUPER-POWERS! FINALLY, THE ASTOUNDING IDENTITY OF THEIR RUTHLESS FOE IS EXPOSED, BUT ONLY AFTER THE TRAGIC--

"LAST STAND of the LEGION!"

PART II

EVEN HERE, IN THE MIGHTIEST CITADEL OF ALL TIME, YOU REMAINING LEGIONNAIRES CANNOT STOP ME FROM USING MY DEADLY POWERS TO FINISH YOU!

MASK MAN HAS FOUND US! WE'RE DOOMED

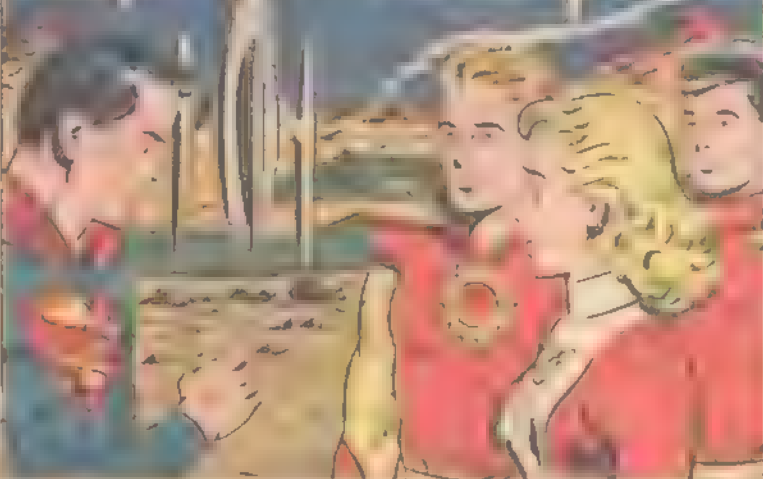
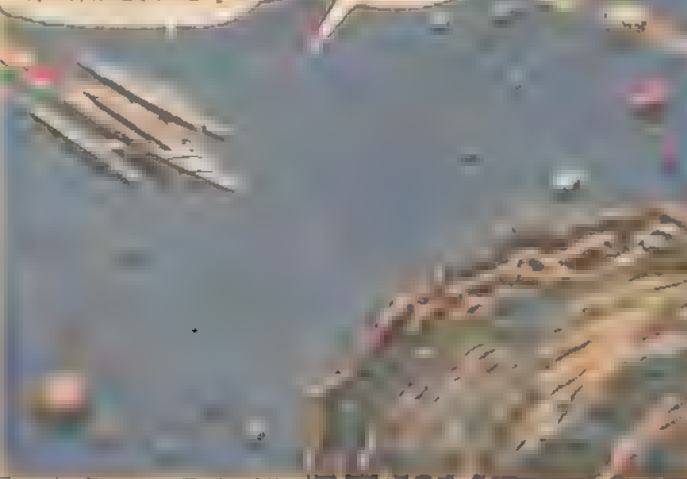
DEFEATED, DESPERATE... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY, THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES RETREATS!

THIS PLANET NEAR THE "MIDPOINT" OF SPACE IS TOTALLY UNINHABITED!

HERE WE CAN BUILD OUR DEFENSIVE CITADEL! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE.

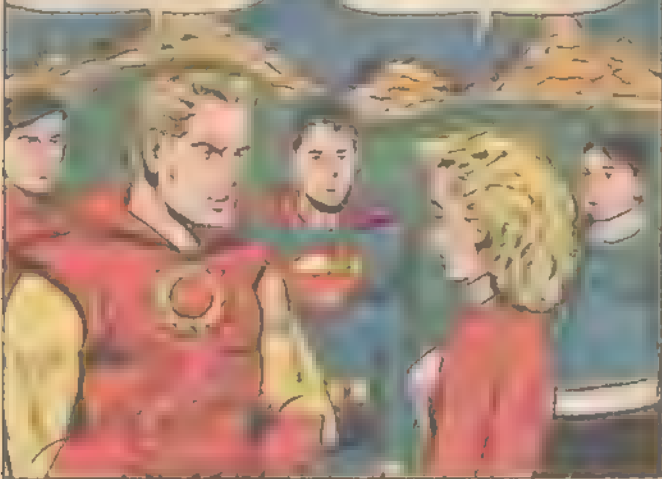
YES, WE HAVE TO HOLD ON TO THAT VENERABLE MASK MAN... BUT WE FIND A WAY TO FIGHT HIM... SO WE MUST BUILD OUR STRENGTH AT ONCE.

OUR POWERS ARE SO TERRIBLE... WE CAN NEVER OVERCOME HIM... MANY OF US ARE ALREADY DEAD.



EVEN IF WE **ARE** DOOMED, ARE WE GOING TO DIE WITHOUT EVEN FIGHTING? IS THIS TO BE THE END OF THE LEGION'S GREAT HISTORY?

YOU'RE RIGHT, **SUN BOY**... GRIEF FOR OUR DEAD COMRADES OVERCAME ME, BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN. WE'LL START BUILDING THE **CITADEL**!



SUPERBOY AND MON-EL BEGIN BY DRILLING DOWN INTO THE CORE OF THE PLANET...

MON-EL, THIS SUPER-STRONG METAL WE SAW WITH OUR X-RAY VISION IS THE FIRST MATERIAL WE NEED... I'LL DIG IT OUT AND YOU TAKE IT TO THE SURFACE!



COLOSSAL BOY, WHO HAS USED HIS UNIQUE SUPER-POWER OF GROWING HUGE, BECOMES A GIANT BLACKSMITH.



IS THE HEAT I'M RADIATING SOFTENING THE METAL ENOUGH?

YES...AND I CAN FORGE IT INTO THE SHAPES WE NEED!

LAST WALLS OF FORGED SUPER-STRONG METAL ARE SOON RAISED!

THIS WALL-SLAB WILL FUSE TO THE OTHERS WHEN **MON-EL** AND I USE SUPER-PRESSURE ON IT!

IF ONLY **MASK MAN** DOESN'T STRIKE AGAIN BEFORE WE FINISH!



SPURRED BY DEFEAT, THERE SOON TOWERS THE MIGHTIEST CITADEL EVER SEEN!



IT'S AWESOME IN ITS STRENGTH! SURELY, EVEN **MASK MAN** CAN'T REACH US INSIDE THIS!

HIS POWERS ARE UNLIMITED, REMEMBER! WE HAVE TO DEVISE EVERY DEFENSIVE WEAPON WE CAN TO RESIST HIM!



SOON, WITH THE CITADEL COMPLETED...

I'LL BE THE GATE-KEEPER OF THE CITADEL...AND NO ONE WILL FORCE THIS GATE!

WE'VE INSTALLED AUTOMATIC ALARMS THAT'LL RING IF ANYONE TRIES TO ENTER! BUT THERE'S ONE MORE PRECAUTION I WANT TO TAKE!

INVISIBLE KID, YOU MUST ACT AS OUR UNSEEN SENTRY, PATROLING ALL THE CORRIDORS AND CHAMBERS OF THE CITADEL!

I'LL MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE NOW, AND STAY THAT WAY!

IN A LABORATORY DEEP IN THE CITADEL...

MASK MAN'S POWERS SEEM BEYOND ANYTHING SCIENCE KNOWS...HOW CAN WE FIND A DEFENSE AGAINST THEM?

MAYBE WE CAN FIND A SCIENTIFIC WAY TO NEUTRALIZE HIS POWERS! BUT IT'LL BE DIFFICULT... HE MAY HAVE POWERS WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT YET!

FATEFUL WORDS, FOR AT THIS MOMENT MASK MAN IS USING AN UNSUSPECTED POWER IN HIS DEADLY CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LEAGON!

BY USING REVERSED MAGNETIC POWER, I'M PUSHING THE METALLIC ASTEROID MONUMENTS TOWARD THE PLANET WHERE THEY'VE BUILT THAT CITADEL! THIS WILL HELP THE CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME I'M PLAYING AS I KILL THEM ONE BY ONE!

THE MIGHTY VOICE OF COLOSSAL BOY SOUNDS AN ALARM!

THE "MOUNT RUSHMORE OF SPACE" ASTEROIDS... THEY'VE MOVED OUT OF THEIR ORBITS AND ARE FALLING ON THE CITADEL! SUPERBOY... MON-EL... COME QUICK!

WITH SUPER-STRENGTH AND SPEED, THE **BOY OF STEEL** AND **MON-EL** BATTLE A DOWNRUSHING MENACE! SOME OF THE ASTEROIDS ARE FALLING WIDE OF US AND WILL HIT! **SUN BOY** AND **LIGHTNING LASS** ARE USING THEIR POWERS TO DESTROY THE ONES THAT GET PAST US!



I CAN MELT AWAY THE SMALLER ASTEROIDS, BUT YOUR LIGHTNING IS DESTROYING MORE OF THEM, **LIGHTNING LASS!**

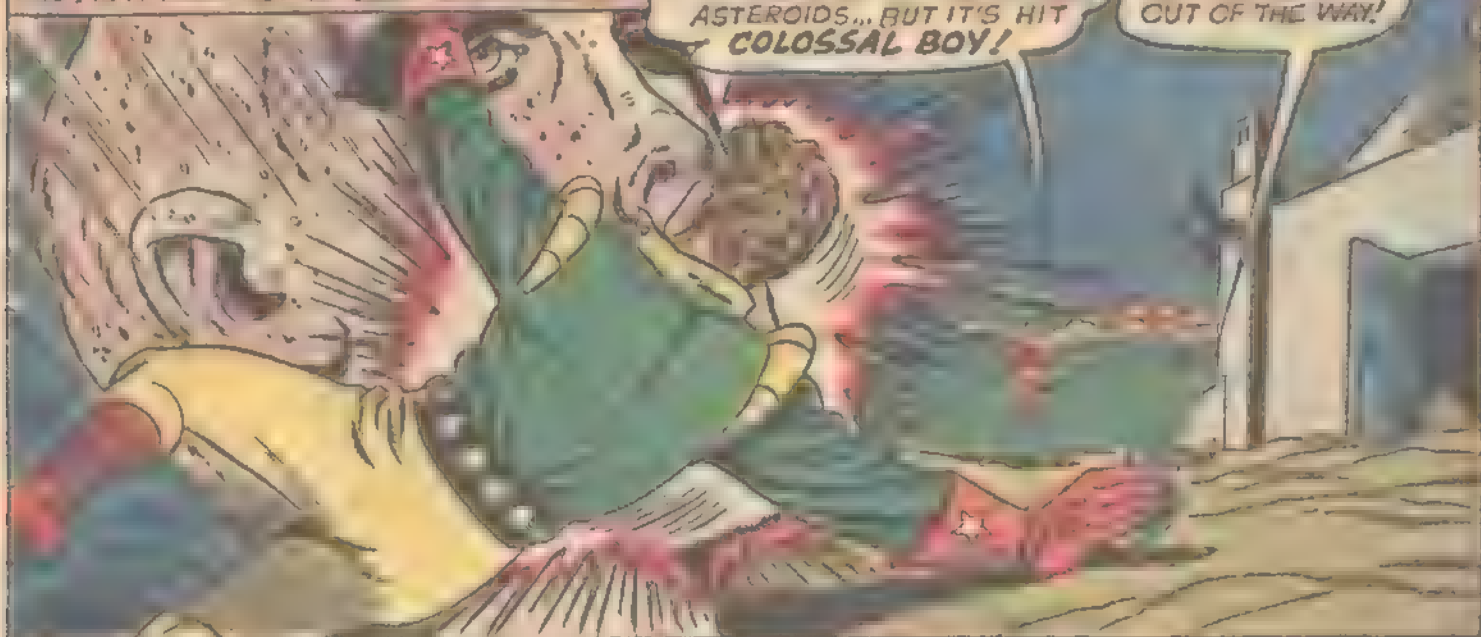


THAT THIRD ASTEROID WILL HIT **LIGHTNING LASS**, THOUGH... I'VE GOT TO SHIELD HER!

AND, IN A FINAL ACT OF SELF-SACRIFICE...

IT'S THE LAST OF THE FALLING ASTEROIDS... BUT IT'S HIT **COLOSSAL BOY!**

HE PUSHED ME OUT OF THE WAY!



COLOSSAL BOY IS DEAD... BUT WE REPELLED THE ASTEROID ATTACK!

HELP... HURRY...!

SOMETHING'S WRONG INSIDE THE CITADEL!



COSMIC BOY... I FOUND HIM LIKE THIS... KILLED AS THOUGH BY A CHARGE OF SUPER-ELECTRICITY! HIS BODY IS STILL WARM!

THEN, **MASK MAN** HAS JUST BEEN HERE! HE USED THE ASTEROID ATTACK SO WE WOULDN'T HEAR THE ALARMS RINGING WHEN HE SLIPPED INTO THE CITADEL!



INVISIBLE KID, WHERE ARE YOU? DID YOU SEE ANYONE SLIP IN? I'M RIGHT HERE! I SAW NO ONE, BUT **MASK MAN** MIGHT HAVE SLIPPED IN WHEN I RAN OUT TO WHERE **COLOSSAL BOY** HAD BEEN STRUCK.



THEN **MASK MAN** IS RIGHT HERE INSIDE THE CITADEL! HE'LL KILL US ONE BY ONE IF WE DON'T FIND HIM!

HE BOASTED HE HAD **ALL** OUR POWERS. WITH HIS POWER OF **SUPER-DISGUISE** HE COULD KILL ONE OF US AND TAKE THAT ONE'S PLACE! ONE OF **US** MIGHT NOW REALLY BE **MASK MAN**!



FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE **LEGIONNAIRES** LOOK AT EACH OTHER WITH **SUSPICION!**

WE MUST STAY IN PAIRS OR GROUPS, SO NO ONE OF US WILL BE FREE TO ACT SECRETLY IF THAT ONE IS REALLY **MASK MAN**!

SATURN GIRL AND I WILL RETURN TO OUR LABORATORY TO WORK OUT A DEFENSE AGAINST **MASK MAN**!



LATER, IN THE LABORATORY,

THIS **REVERSER** INSTRUMENT WHEN WE COMPLETE IT COULD REVERSE THE POWERS **MASK MAN** USES AND TURN THEM AGAINST HIMSELF.

YOU'LL NEVER COMPLETE IT. IT'S TOO FAR FOR YOU TWO TO DO.



YOU...POSING AS ONE OF US...YOU ARE REALLY **MASK MAN**!

YES, AND I'LL SHOW YOU ANOTHER OF MY SUPER-POWERS...THE POWER OF CAUSING ANY SUBSTANCE TO **EXPLODE**!

NEXT MOMENT...

THOSE CHEMICALS EXPLODING WILL FINISH YOU TWO NICELY. THE OTHER **LEGIONNAIRES** WILL SOON FOLLOW YOU.



HEARING THE EXPLOSION, **SUPERBOY** AND **MON-EL** FLASH TO THE SCENE!

DEAD, BOTH OF THEM! THEN, BESIDES OURSELVES, THERE'S ONLY **LIGHTNING LASS** AND **INVISIBLE KID** LEFT!

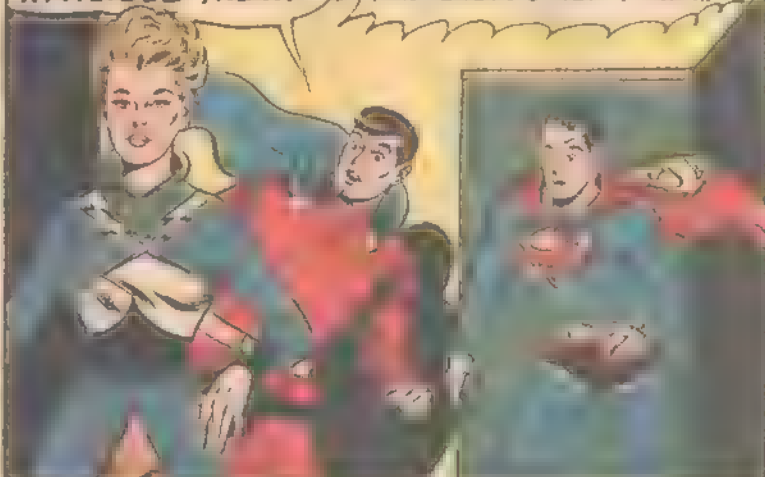
AND ONE OF THEM MAY REALLY BE **MASK MAN**! HURRY, WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM!



BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE DOOMED LEGION!

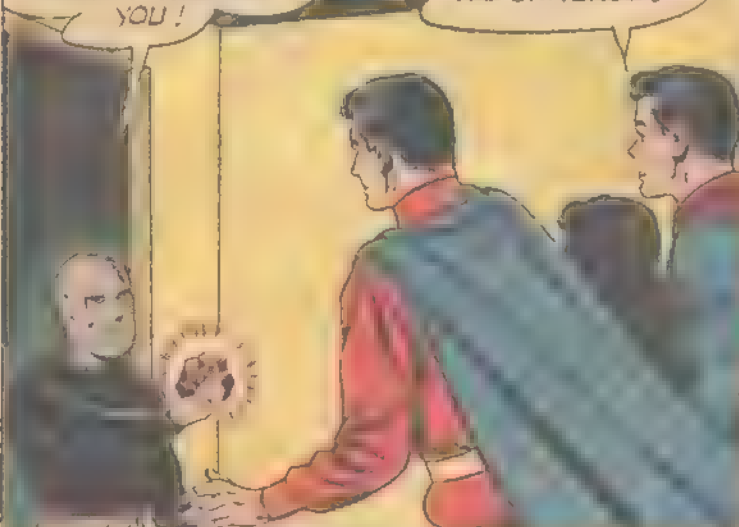
LIGHTNING LASS... KILLED BY A **PETRIFYING** SUPER-POWER THAT TURNED HER TO STONE! AND... **INVISIBLE KID**...

HA, HA... I KILLED **INVISIBLE KID** WHEN I FIRST ENTERED THIS CITADEL, BY MY SUPER-POWER OF TURNING AIR AROUND HIM INTO POISON! AND EVER SINCE THEN...



...I HAVE BEEN YOUR **INVISIBLE SENTRY**! **MON-EL**, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE... THIS RADIANT ELEMENT WILL KILL YOU!

IT CAN'T! **MON-EL** ISN'T VULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE OR LEAD OR ANYTHING ELSE IN THE UNIVERSE!

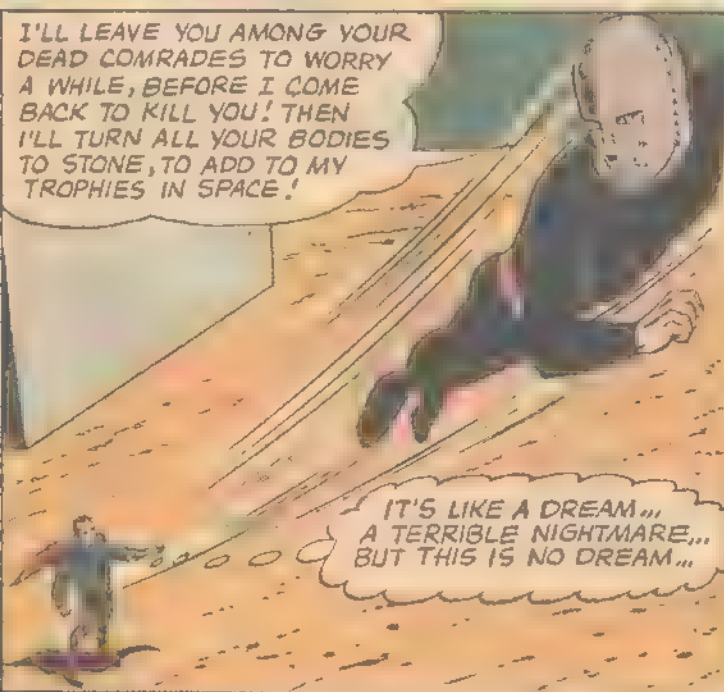


BUT THIS UNIQUELY POWERFUL ELEMENT IS FROM **ANOTHER** DIMENSION, AND IS DEADLY TO **MON-EL**!

THE RADIATION... IT'S TERRIBLE... I'M DYING!



I'LL LEAVE YOU AMONG YOUR DEAD COMRADES TO WORRY A WHILE, BEFORE I COME BACK TO KILL YOU! THEN I'LL TURN ALL YOUR BODIES TO STONE, TO ADD TO MY TROPHIES IN SPACE!



IT'S LIKE A DREAM... A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE... BUT THIS IS NO DREAM...

AND A STUNNED **SUPERBOY** WANDERS DAZEDLY THROUGH THE MIGHTY CITADEL IN WHICH HE ALONE REMAINS ALIVE!

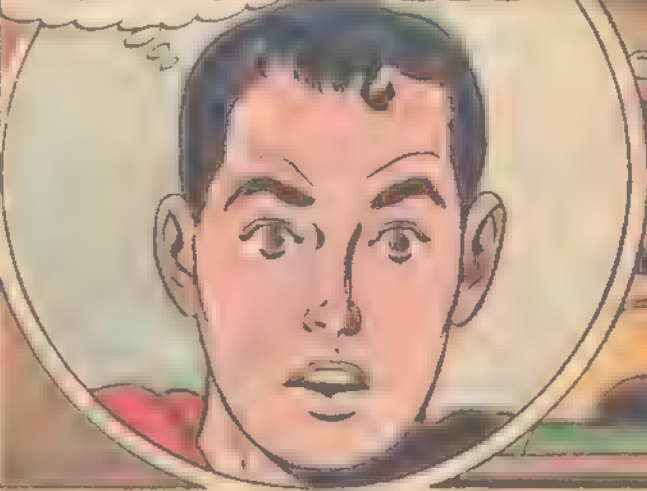
DEAD! ALL MEMBERS OF THE GREAT **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** BUT ME, DEAD! EVEN **MON-EL**, WHOM I THOUGHT NOTHING COULD HARM... KILLED BY A THING FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!





BUT WAIT...HOW COULD **MASK MAN** BRING A THING FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, UNLESS HE HAS POWERS THAT ARE **MAGICAL**? MAYBE THAT'S IT...AND IF WHAT I SUSPECT IS TRUE, I MIGHT STILL CONQUER HIM!

THIS REVERSER-INSTRUMENT WHICH POOR **BRAINIAC 5** ALMOST COMPLETED MIGHT STILL WORK! IT WAS A LITTLE DAMAGED BY THE EXPLOSION, BUT I CAN REPAIR AND ALTER IT...



THEN, ZOOMING OUT INTO SPACE, **SUPERBOY** SEARCHES WITH TELESCOPIC VISION UNTIL HE FINDS A STRANGE WORLD!

MASK MAN BOASTED OF HIS TROPHIES IN SPACE, SO I KNEW HE MUST HAVE A TROPHY COLLECTION SOMEWHERE! AND THIS WORLD IS IT...THOSE EIGHT MOONS HAVE BEEN CARVED INTO LETTERS WHICH SPELL HIS NAME ON BOTH SIDES! MY SUSPICION WAS RIGHT!



THIS **MASK MAN** IS REALLY A DESCENDANT OF **MR. XYZPTLK**, THE IMP WHO PESTERS ME IN MY OWN TIME! IF HE SAYS HIS NAME BACKWARDS, HE'LL BE SHOT BACK INTO HIS 5TH DIMENSION UNIVERSE AND ALL EFFECTS OF HIS MAGIC WILL VANISH! I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST...



ONLY MINUTES LATER...

HA, HA...I WANTED YOU TO FOLLOW ME HERE, **SUPERBOY**, SO THAT BEFORE YOU DIE YOU'LL KNOW WHO IT WAS WHO CONQUERED YOU ALL! MY NAME IS THE SAME AS MY GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT ANCESTOR'S, AND TO HONOR IT, THOSE MOONS AS THEY RISE AND SET SPELL IT OUT!



WXYZPTLK

OH-OH! YOU **REVERSED** THE MOVEMENT OF THE MOONS, HOPING I'D READ MY NAME BACKWARDS ... BUT YOU CAN'T TRICK ME!

IT'S THE **REVERSER** I'M COUNTING ON NOW ... MY ONLY CHANCE...

HA! YOU THINK THAT **REVERSER** GADGET WILL MAKE MY NAME COME OUT BACKWARD WHEN I SPEAK IT, BUT IT WON'T! JUST FROM SPITE, I'LL SAY MY NAME BACKWARD AND IT WILL COME OUT FORWARD! **K-L-T-P-Z-Y-X-M!**

I WAS COUNTING ON HIS DOING THIS TO TAUNT ME...

BUT MY NAME **HASN'T** REVERSED WHEN I SAID IT BACKWARDS! I'M VANISHING INTO THE 5TH DIMENSION...

I OUT-TRICKED YOU, BY USING MY HEAT-VISION TO **BURN OUT** THE **REVERSER'S** WIRING AND TURN IT OFF, JUST AS YOU SPOKE! NOW THE EFFECTS OF ALL YOUR MAGIC WILL VANISH WITH YOU...

AND AN INSTANT LATER, BY MAGIC TRANSITION, EVERY-
NOW THAT WE'VE FINISHED THE RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY, WE'LL TAKE UP FURTHER BUSINESS!

THAT'S JUST AS IT WAS BEFORE **WXYZPTLK** HAD APPEARED... ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE ALIVE AGAIN! THEY DON'T REMEMBER, AND I WON'T TELL THEM HOW THEY **DIED**, IN OUR LAST STAND!

THE END

LOOK AT THIS TOPHAT.
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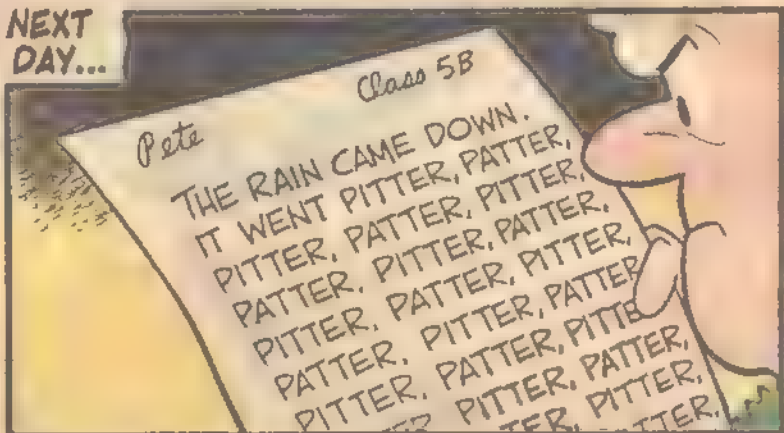
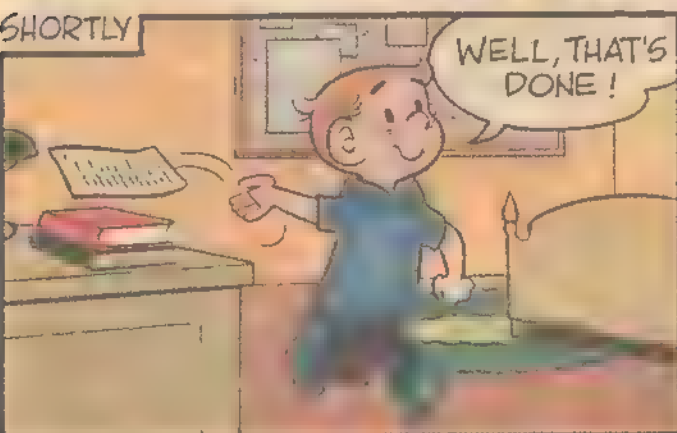
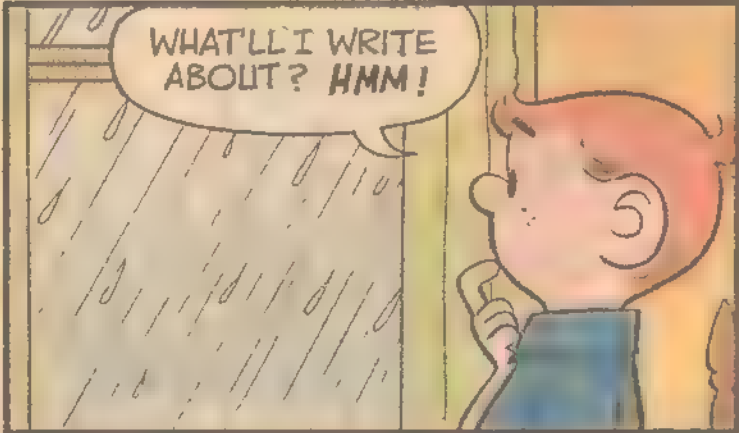
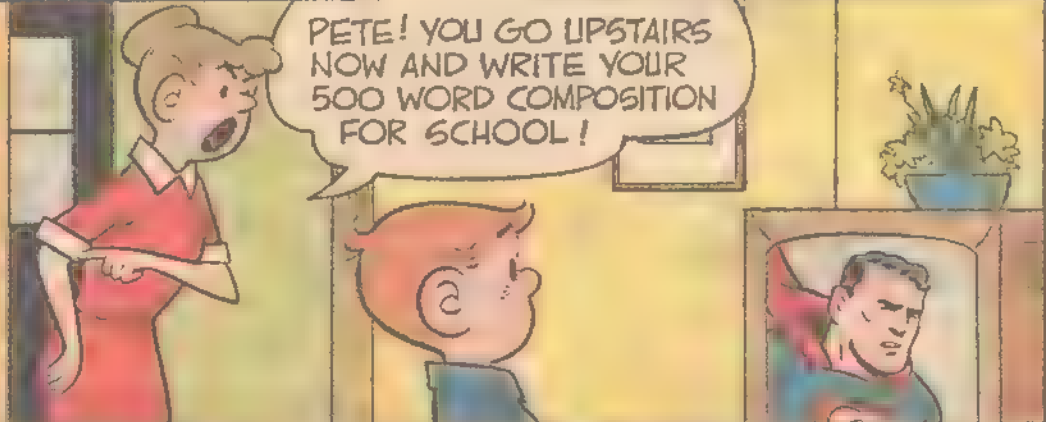
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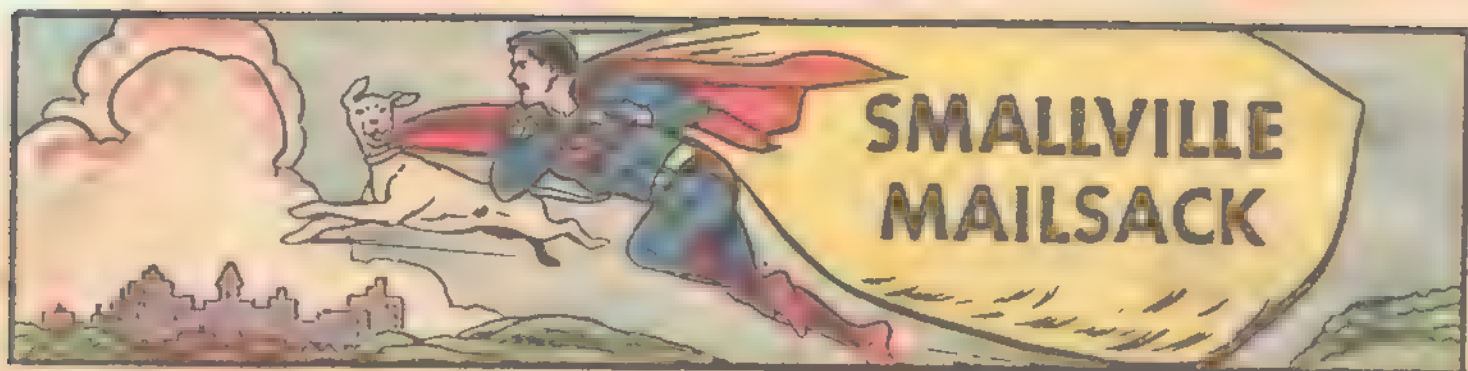
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SMALLVILLE MAILSACK

Dear Editor: As an ardent Legionnaire fan, I'm peeved that you very rarely show the members of the Legion of Super-Heroes on the cover of ADVENTURE. Even when you do, you show only a few of the band. How about giving us a break and giving these heroes the cover treatment? You must agree that they have become as popular as SUPERBOY.

Daniel Ocko, Besterville, N.Y.

(Relax! The next issue of ADVENTURE will feature FIFTEEN of the Super-Heroes on the cover. And not to slight admirers of the Legion of Substitute Heroes, the same cover will also include POLAR BOY, CHLOROPHYLL KID, NIGHT GIRL and others of their club.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In a recent issue of a magazine called SCREEN THRILLS ILLUSTRATED, a concluding article on the history of SUPERMAN's career in movies and TV stated that, in the serial produced by Columbia Pictures, "Atom Man versus SUPERMAN," the Man of Steel was projected into the Phantom Zone. However, according to my memory, the first story of the Phantom Zone appeared in the April, 1961 issue of ADVENTURE, in a Superboy story. Now, where did the Zone originate? In the movie serial, or in the comic book? Please clarify this.

Marvin Sandler, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(The Phantom Zone was created by the editor of this magazine, when he was sent to Hollywood to plot the Superman movie serial for Columbia Pictures. When the Phantom Zone turned out to be popular with fans, it was decided to adapt it for use in our magazines.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I liked your recent story, "The Fifth Dimensional High School," and I was amused by the way it ended. Lana is very clever, I think. Although I usually prefer Lois, I would like to see an "Imaginary" story in one of your books wherein Lana marries Superman. How about it?

Connie Olive, Fayetteville, Ark.

(You're not the only reader who has made this request. So, because we always aim to please, see the third story in the August issue of LOIS LANE.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I just thought that I'd drop you a line congratulating you on your newest addition to ADVENTURE Comics, "The Legion of Substitute Heroes." However, I am confused on a certain point. Hasn't it always been the practice of the Legionnaires not to destroy any form of life, be it human or plant life? If this is so, then why does Fire-Lad destroy the plant men in seed form?

James Portanova, Flushing, N.Y.

(Come now, would you say the Legionnaires are destroying plant life every time they eat an apple and swallow some of the seeds?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I've been reading with a great deal of relish the letters in your SMALLVILLE MAIL-SACK, particularly the paragraphs at the end you call "Bits of Legionnaire Business." Inasmuch as I have had the privilege of writing several of the Legion of Super-Heroes stories for your magazine, I have been amused, startled and overwhelmed by the ingenious suggestions of your readers for new characters and the imaginative powers attributed to them. Would it be possible for me, in the near future, to write a Legion story in which I would give some of these proposed heroes a "guest try-out?" I'm sure it would be a lot of fun.

Edmond Hamilton

(Great idea, Ed. Go ahead—and we'll give credit to the fans whose ideas you use. As most of our readers are probably aware, Author Edmond Hamilton is a highly successful science fiction novelist and we are honored to consider him our most versatile staff writer. Ed has written some of our greatest 3-part novels, including that recent smash hit, "The Last Days of Superman." His wife, who writes under the name of Leigh Brackett, is one of Hollywood's most talented screen writers. Her recent picture, "Hatari," was one of the ten top box-office hits. She is currently busy writing a new picture for her producer, Howard Hawks, which will feature Rock Hudson.—Ed.)

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"Bits of Legionnaire Business"

From Arthur Davis, Jr., Roanoke, Va.: "ESP KID—has extra-sensory perception powers." . . . Gregory Gallagher, Brooklyn, N.Y.: "WEAPONS LAD—can design ingenious new weapons without a workshop."

. . . Steven Cohen, Newburgh, N.Y.: "DUPLICATE BOY—he has the ability to duplicate the power of any Legionnaire." . . . Gordon Thomas, Pilot Mountain, N.C.: "GEOGRAPHY GIRL—she has the unique talent of being able to exist in several different areas at one time!" . . . Phil F. Leibfried, Bronxville, N.Y.: "BACTERIA BOY—he can transmit a disease which gives enemies temporary sleeping sickness." . . . Jim Tilley, Rockaway, N.Y.: "SPIDER LASS—she has the power of converting her hair into a super web, and casting it around opponents." . . . Michael E. Colby, Long Island, N.Y.: "ILLUSTRATOR YOUTH—he can draw anything he has ever seen in seconds."

Charles Christesson, Rio Grande City, Tex.: "LUNAR LASS—she has the power to turn people into lunatics for short periods." . . . Jon Ingersoll, Cleveland, Ohio: "MIDAS MAID—she can transmute anything she touches into gold." . . . Roger Ho, N.Y., N.Y.: "VOCAL WHIZ—he can perfectly imitate anybody's voice." . . . Randy Steele, Tunkhan Rock, Pa.: "CYCLONE KING—he can create twist-ers, monsoons, typhoons, etc."

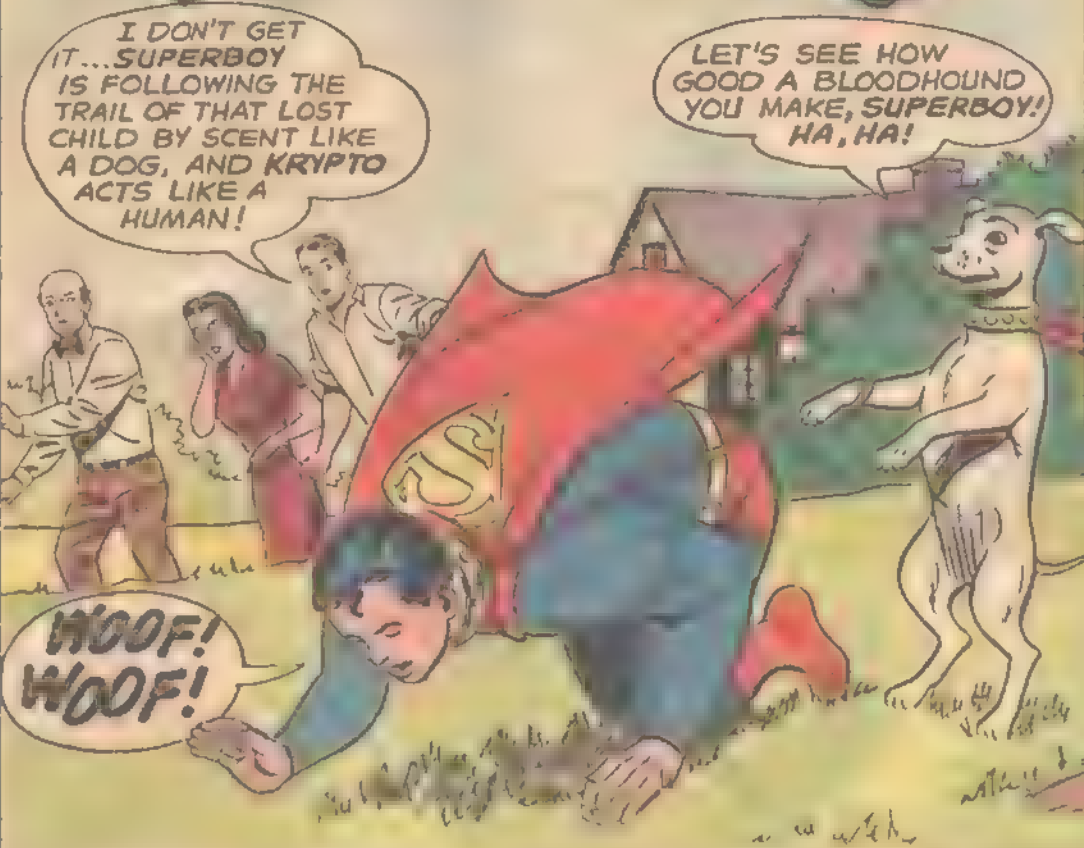


SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of
SUPERMAN
WHEN HE WAS A BOY

SUPERBOY AND KRYPTO, THE BOY OF STEEL AND THE DOG OF STEEL, HAVE HAD MANY EXCITING ADVENTURES TOGETHER! BUT THEY NEVER EXPERIENCED ONE MORE FANTASTIC THAN THE STRANGE OCCASION WHEN THEY EXCHANGED IDENTITIES...

When
KRYPTO was SUPERBOY'S MASTER!

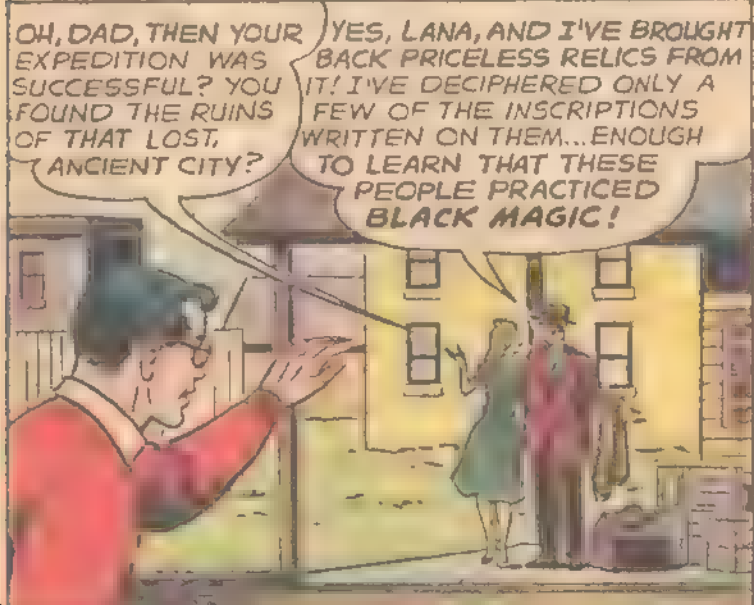


I DON'T GET IT... SUPERBOY IS FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THAT LOST CHILD BY SCENT LIKE A DOG, AND KRYPTO ACTS LIKE A HUMAN!

LET'S SEE HOW GOOD A BLOODHOUND YOU MAKE, SUPERBOY! HA, HA!

WOOF! WOOF!

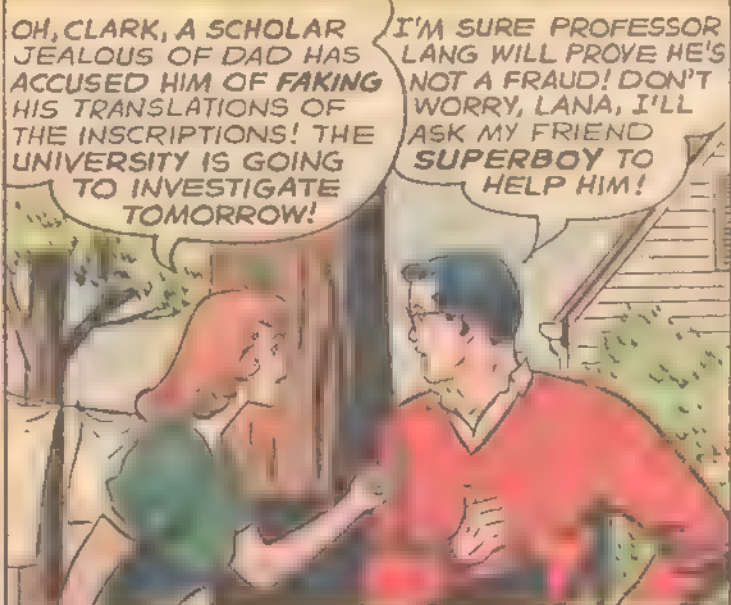
ONE DAY, WHEN PROFESSOR LANG RETURNS FROM HIS LATEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLORING TRIP...



OH, DAD, THEN YOUR EXPEDITION WAS SUCCESSFUL? YOU FOUND THE RUINS OF THAT LOST, ANCIENT CITY?

YES, LANA, AND I'VE BROUGHT BACK PRICELESS RELICS FROM IT! I'VE DECIPHERED ONLY A FEW OF THE INSCRIPTIONS WRITTEN ON THEM... ENOUGH TO LEARN THAT THESE PEOPLE PRACTICED BLACK MAGIC!

BUT ONLY A WEEK LATER, CLARK KENT FINDS THAT LANA'S JOY HAS TURNED TO DISMAY...



OH, CLARK, A SCHOLAR JEALOUS OF DAD HAS ACCUSED HIM OF FAKING HIS TRANSLATIONS OF THE INSCRIPTIONS! THE UNIVERSITY IS GOING TO INVESTIGATE TOMORROW!

I'M SURE PROFESSOR LANG WILL PROVE HE'S NOT A FRAUD! DON'T WORRY, LANA, I'LL ASK MY FRIEND SUPERBOY TO HELP HIM!



BUT THE NEXT DAY, JUST AFTER CLARK SWITCHES TO SUPERBOY TO MAKE HIS DAILY PATROL...

BUT THESE EXPERTS COMING TODAY, DAD? SURELY YOU CAN PROVE YOUR TRANSLATIONS TO THEM?

THE TROUBLE IS I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO STUDY THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE FULLY. I'M CERTAIN I'M RIGHT, BUT THEY MAY NOT BELIEVE ME! AND IF THEY DON'T, I WON'T GET MY PROMOTION TOMORROW, THE DEADLINE!

IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH LANA'S DAD IS REALLY IN DANGER OF LOSING HIS PROMOTION FOR WHICH HE'S WORKED SO HARD! OH-OH-I HEAR A FAMILIAR BARK!

ARF!

SUPERBOY'S PET, THE SUPER-DOG KRYPTO, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A ROMP IN SPACE...

I UNDERSTAND, KRYPTO... YOU WANT ME TO RACE AT SUPER-SPEED! BUT I'VE NO TIME TO PLAY NOW... I PROMISED LANA SUPERBOY WOULD BE ON HAND WHEN THOSE EXPERTS COME!

PRESENTLY, INSIDE PROFESSOR LANG'S HOUSE...

PROFESSOR LANG, DR. KEIGHLEY HERE SAYS YOU MADE UP YOUR FEW TRANSLATIONS OF THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THESE RELICS! IF THIS IS SO, NOT ONLY WON'T YOU GET YOUR PROMOTION, BUT THE UNIVERSITY MUST SUSPEND YOU!

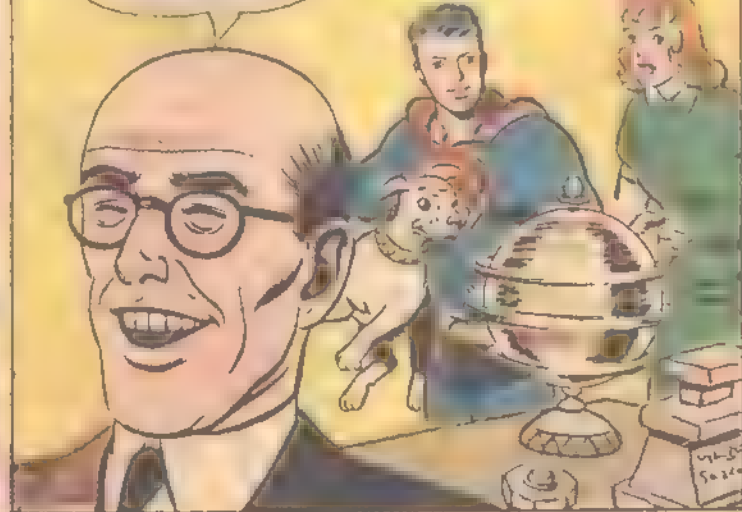
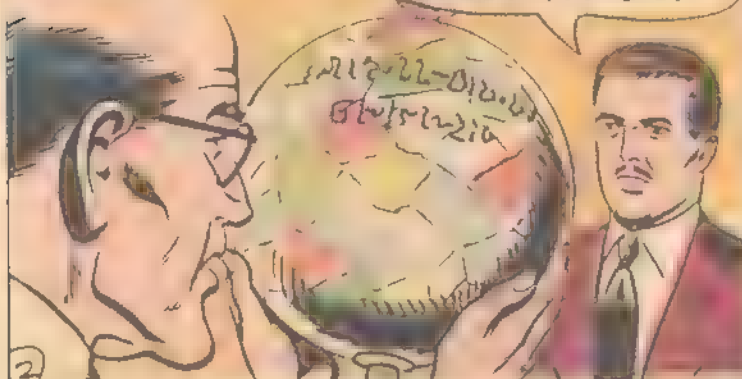
YOU MUST BELIEVE ME! AFTER I'VE WORKED OUT MORE OF THESE TRANSLATIONS IN A FEW DAYS, I'LL BE ABLE TO PROVE IT!

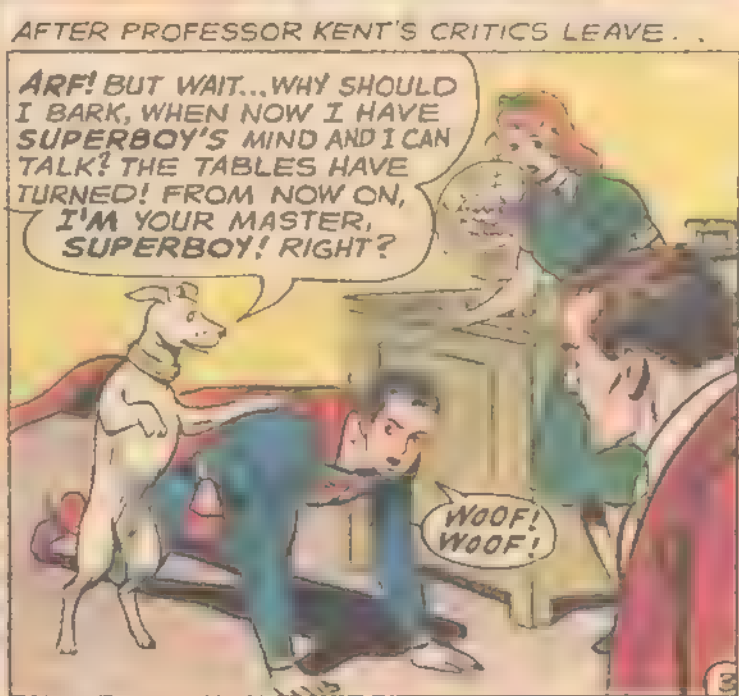
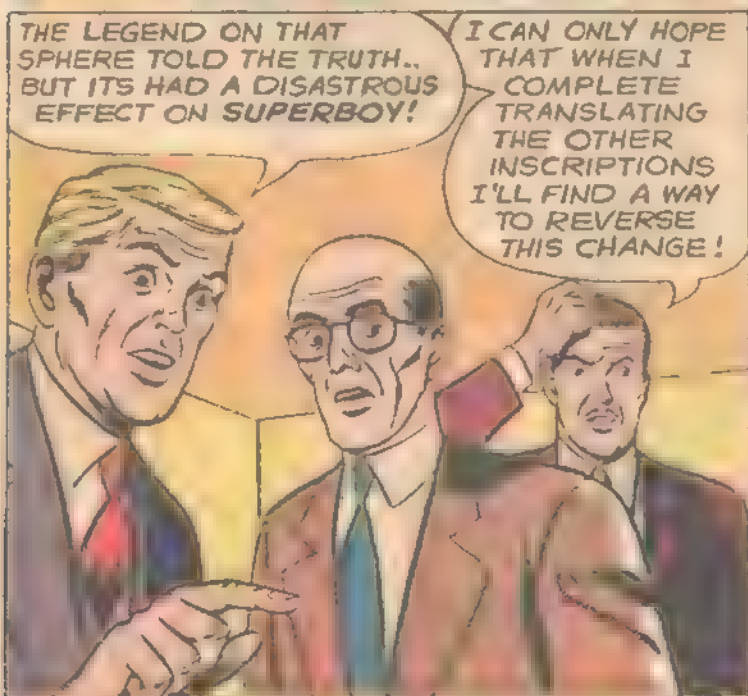
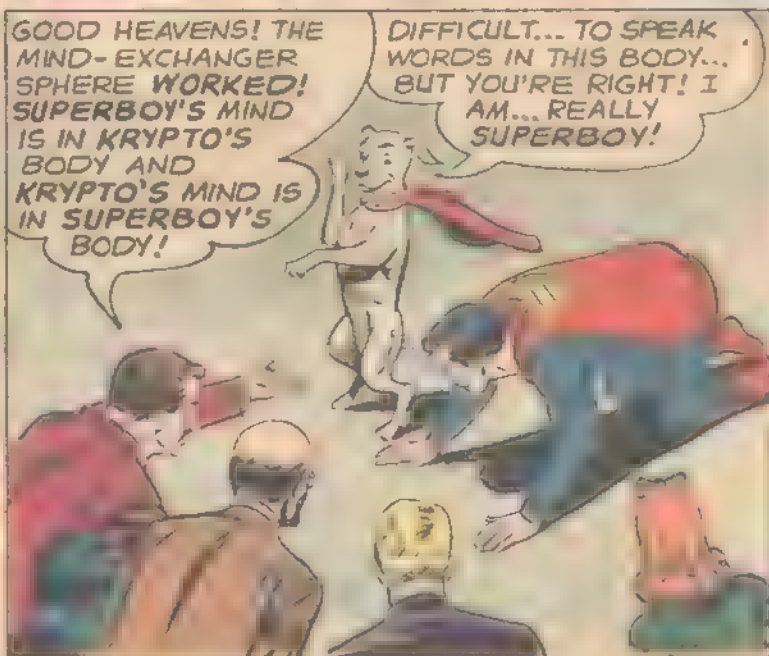
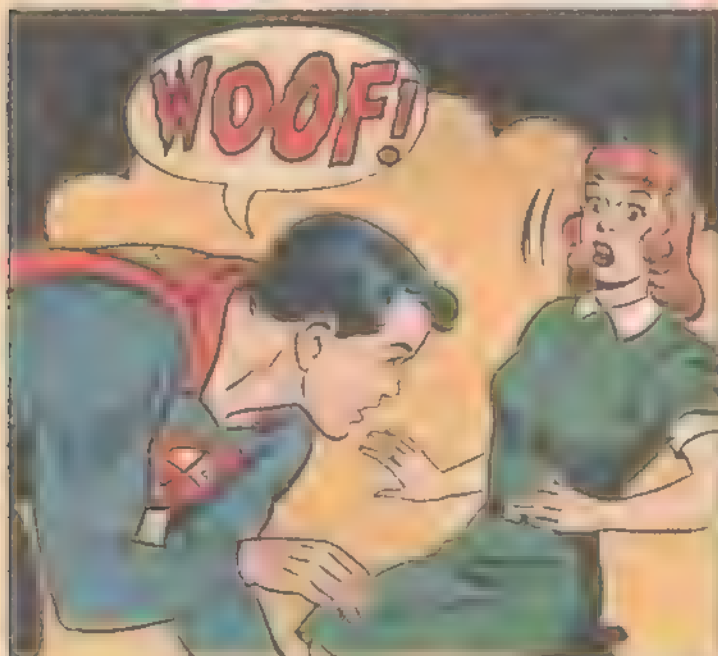
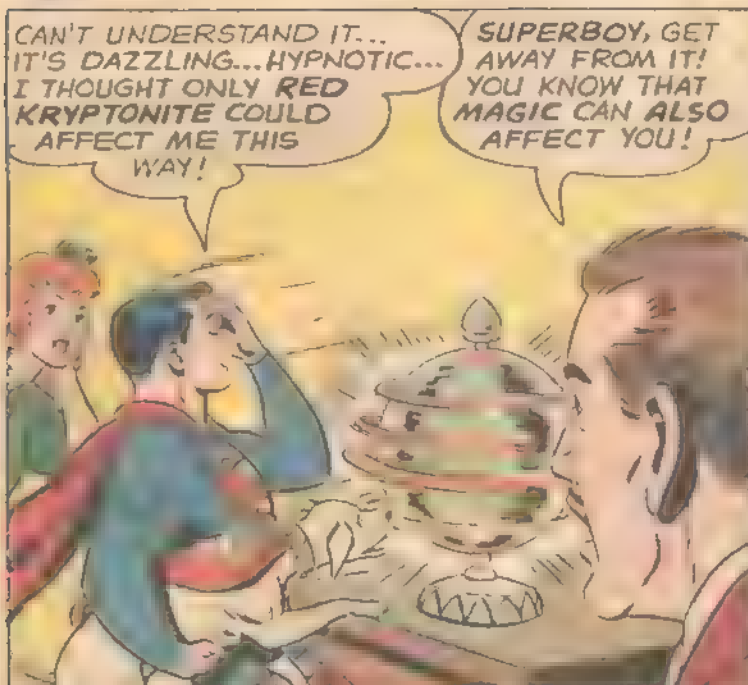
YOU'RE STALLING BECAUSE YOU WANT TO POSTPONE EXPOSURE AND GAIN YOUR PROMOTION! TELL US, WHAT'S THE INSCRIPTION ON THIS WEIRD THING?

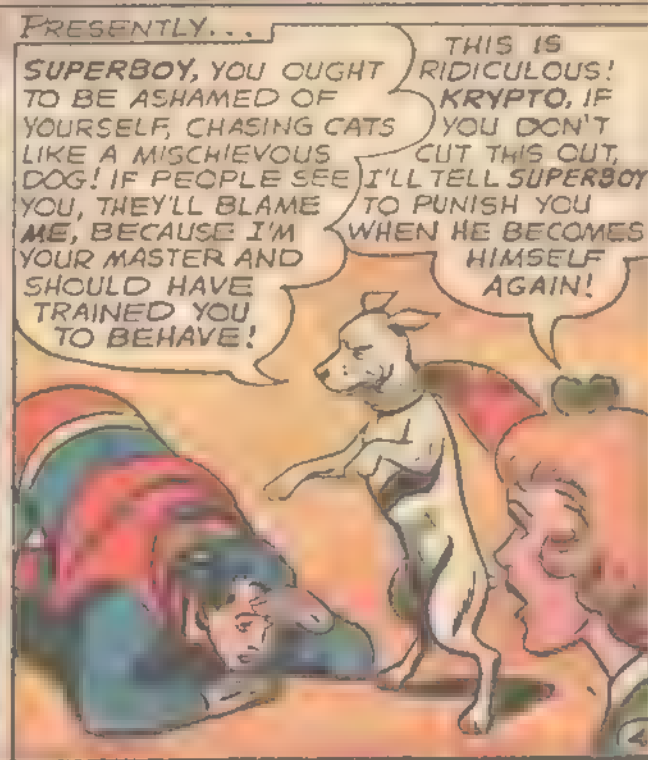
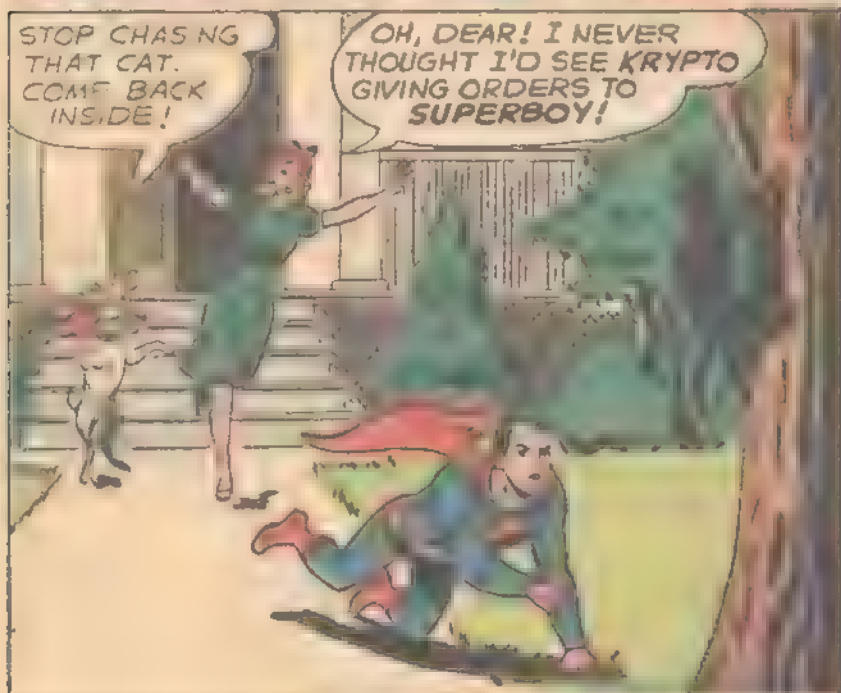
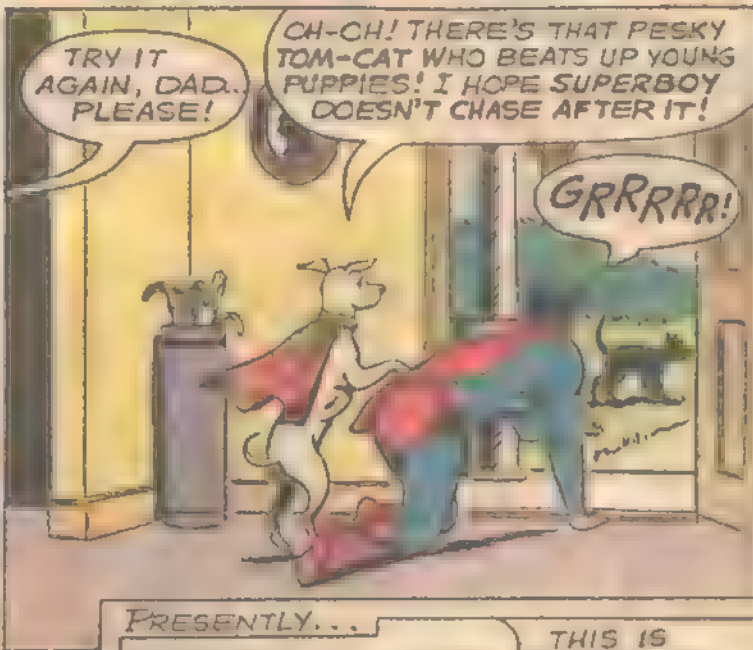
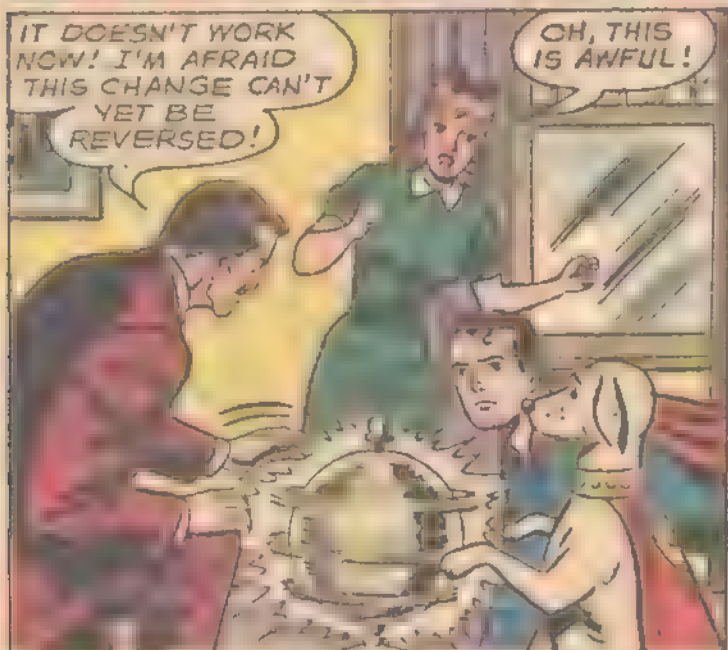
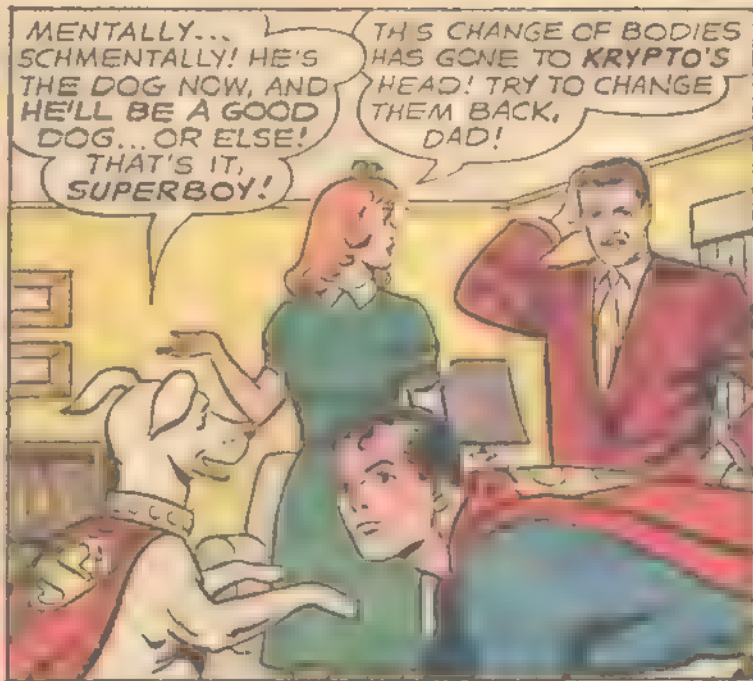
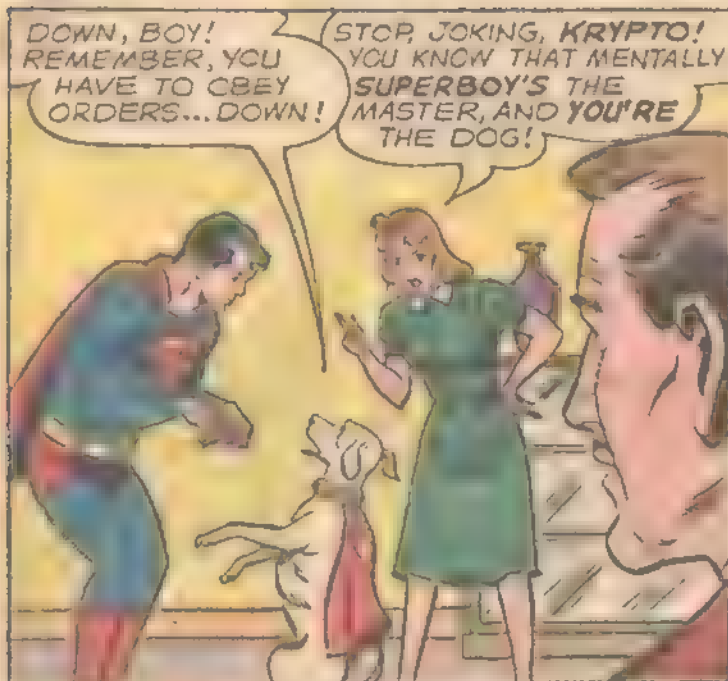
IT READS, "THIS SPHERE, WHEN REVOLVED IN THE PROPER MANNER, WILL EXCHANGE THE MINDS OF ANY TWO BEINGS WHO FACE IT!" I KNOW IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS DABBLED IN BLACK MAGIC!

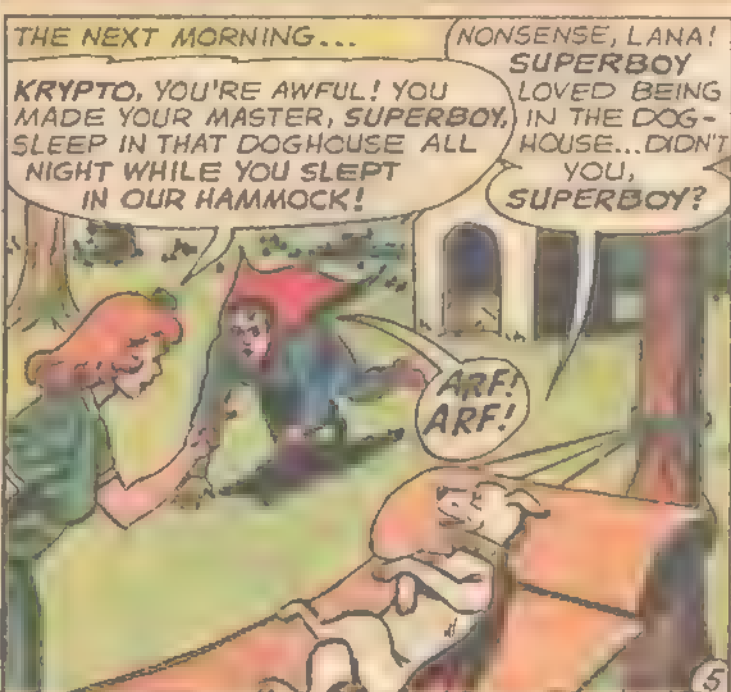
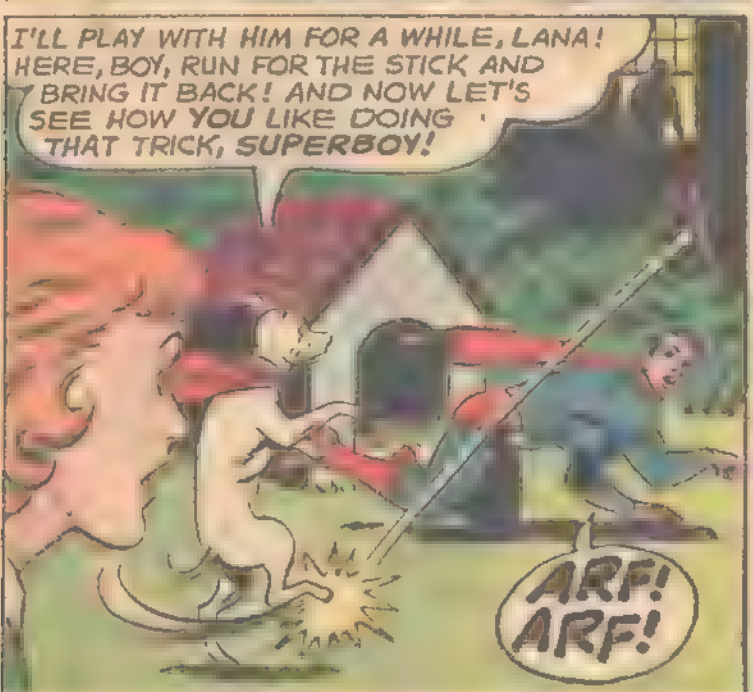
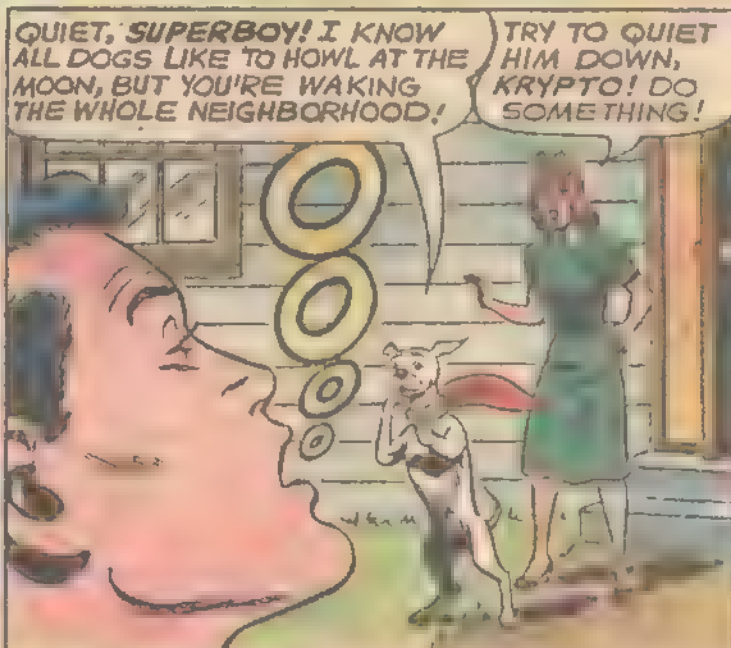
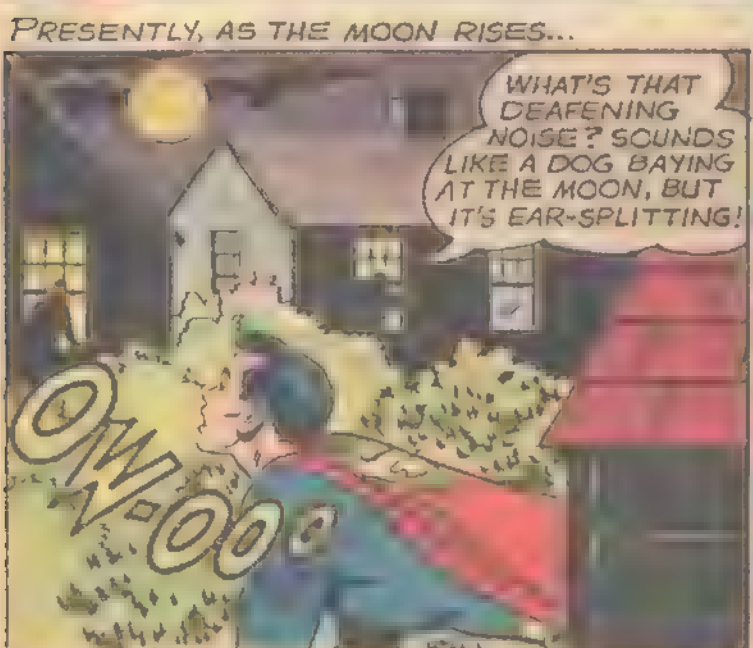
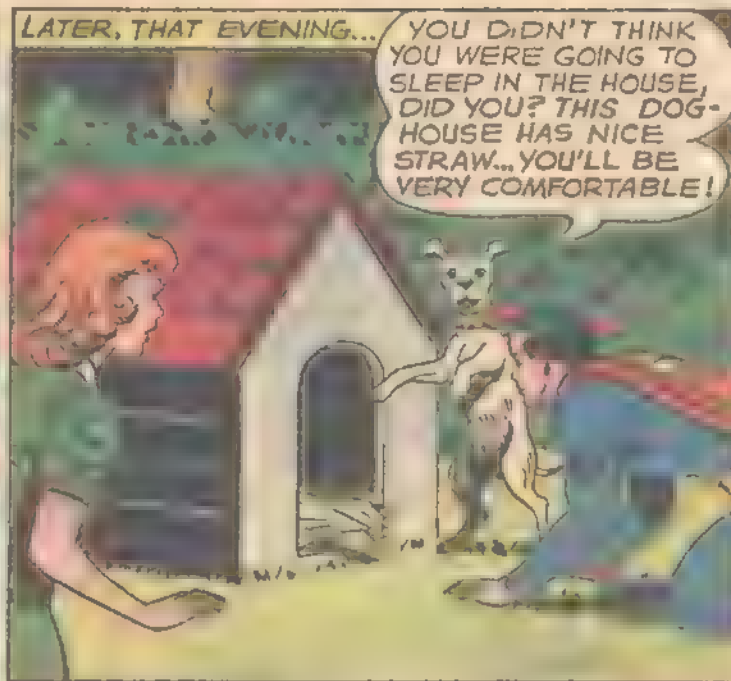
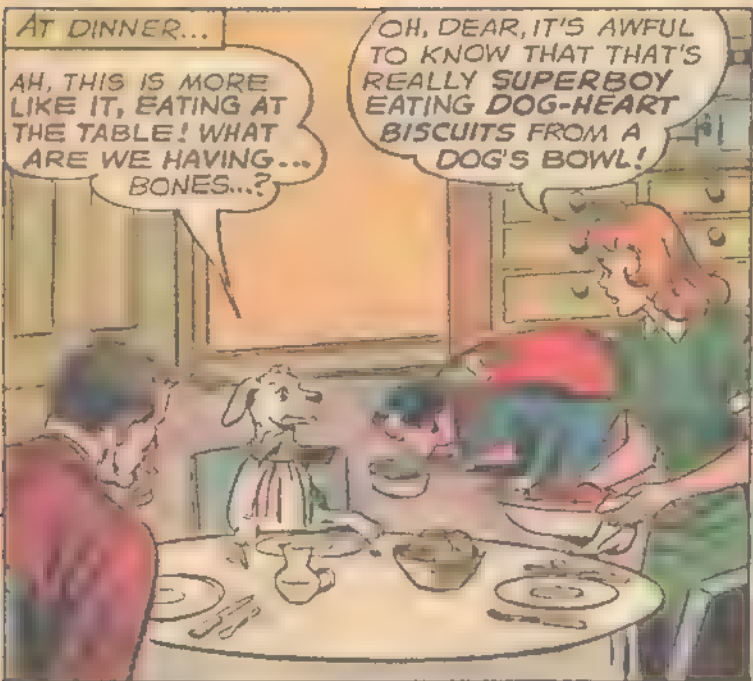
WHAT NONSENSE! GENTLEMEN, HE MADE UP THAT RIDICULOUS "TRANSLATION" ON THE SPOT... IT COULDN'T BE TRUE!

IT'S A QUEER THING, ALL RIGHT... I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD REALLY DO!









MEANWHILE, AT THE SCHOOL WHERE PROFESSOR KENT TEACHES...

GENTLEMEN, WE MUST NOW VOTE ON PROFESSOR KENT'S PROMOTION! ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS?

I VOTE AGAINST LANG!



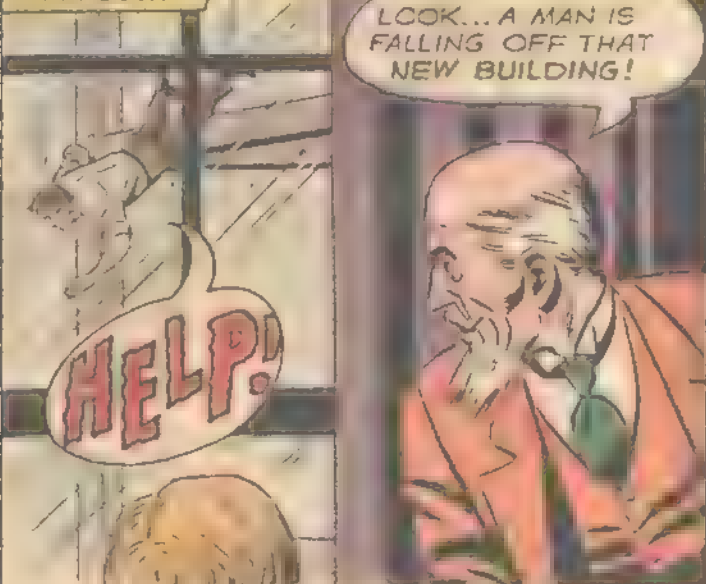
I STILL THINK HE'S A FAKE, A FRAUD! I DON'T BELIEVE THAT STORY OF HIS ABOUT THE SPHERE THAT CHANGED SUPERBOY'S MIND WITH KRYPTO'S. I THINK SUPERBOY HYPNOTIZED US INTO THINKING THAT HE HAD BECOME A DOG AND THAT KRYPTO HAD BECOME HUMAN!



BUT SUDDENLY, A CRY OF TERROR ACROSS THE CAMPUS...

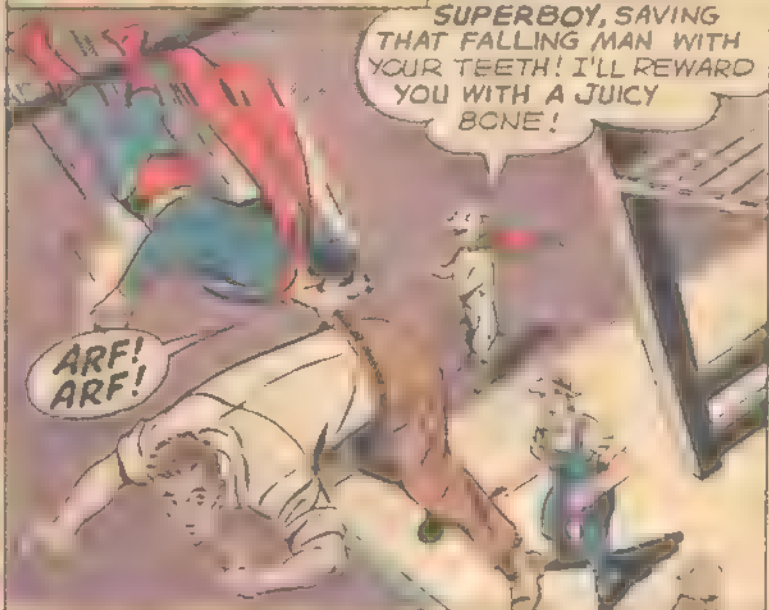
LOOK... A MAN IS FALLING OFF THAT NEW BUILDING!

HELP!



BUT, THE NEXT INSTANT... (SMART THINKING, SUPERBOY, SAVING THAT FALLING MAN WITH YOUR TEETH! I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A JUICY BONE!)

ARF! ARF!



WELL, DID YOU SEE SUPERBOY SAVE THAT MAN WITH HIS TEETH... OR DO YOU STILL INSIST WE'RE ALL VICTIMS OF HYPNOSIS?

I STILL THINK IT'S A TRICK OF SOME SORT! GIVE ME 24 HOURS TO PROVE IT! IF I CAN'T, I'LL VOTE FOR LANG'S PROMOTION!

AGREED!

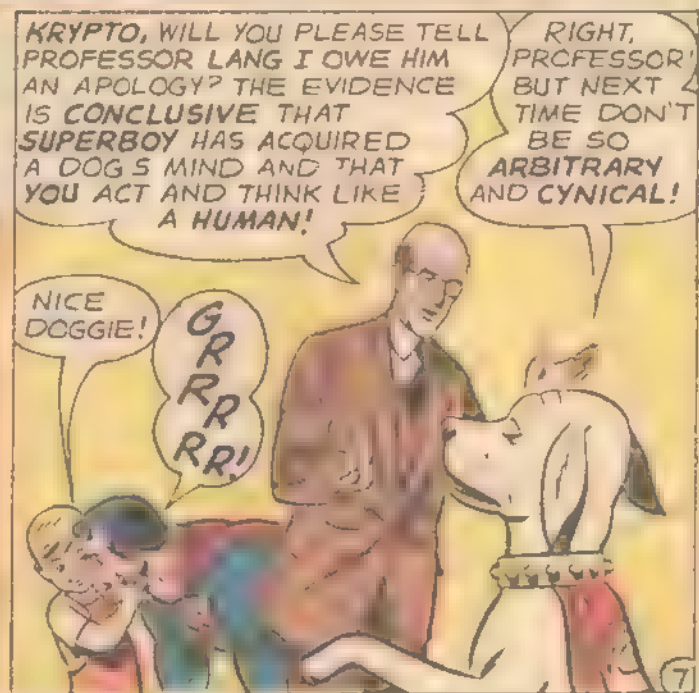
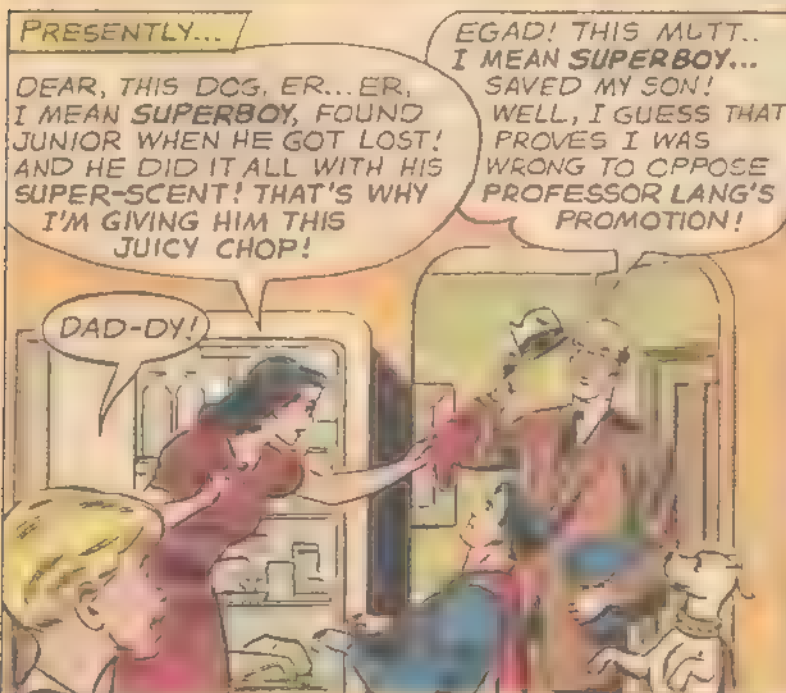
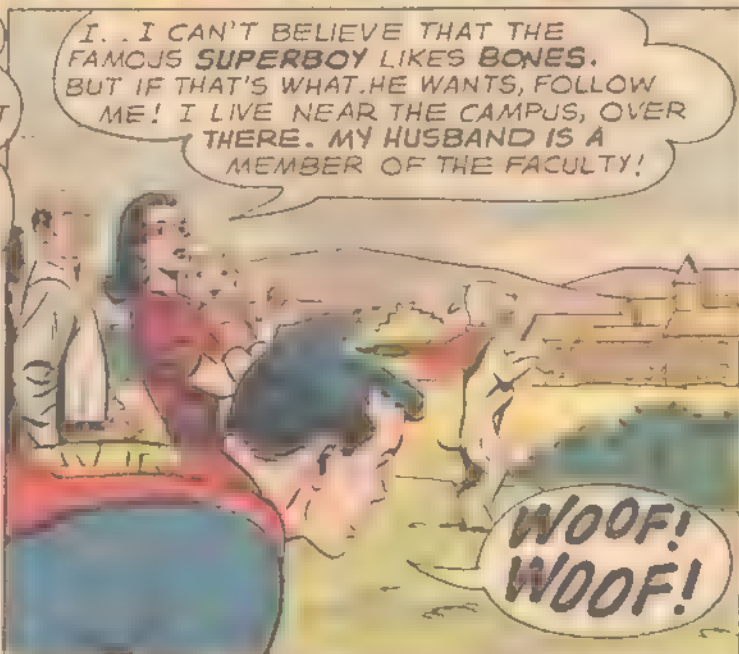
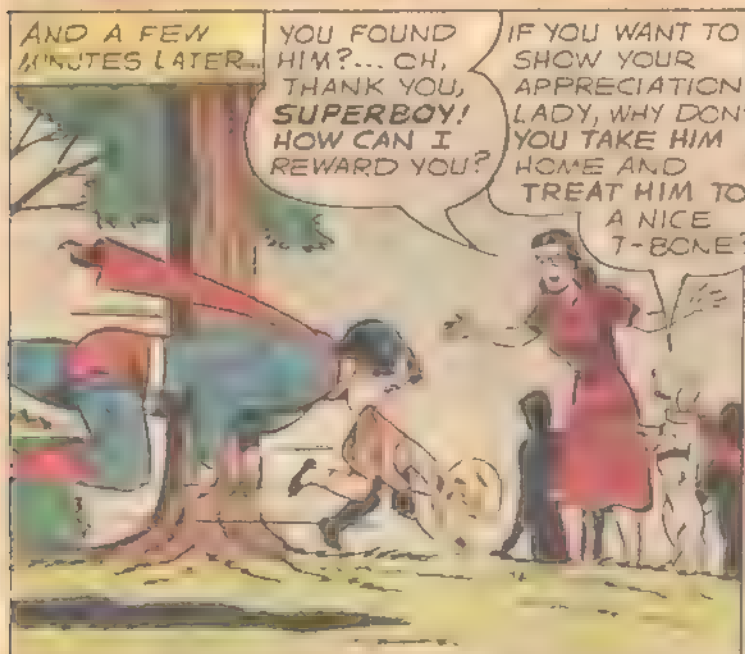
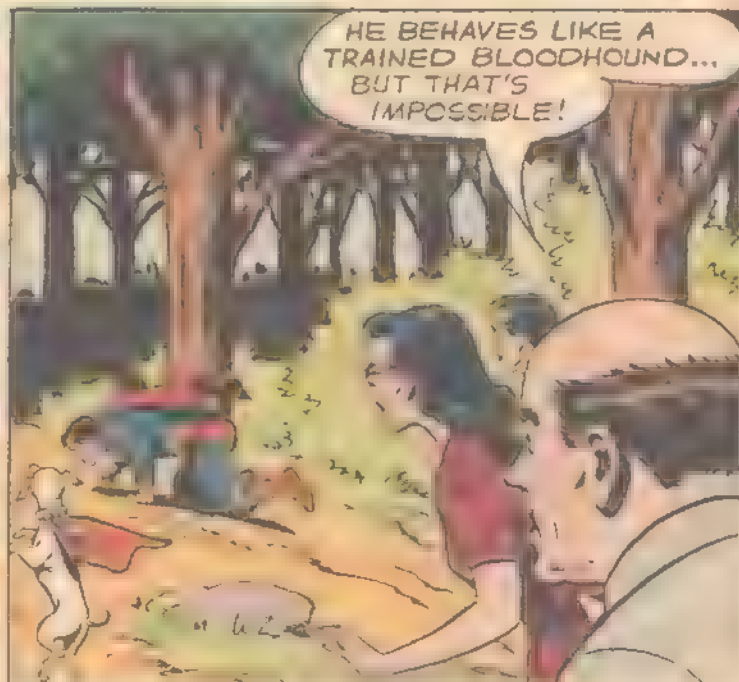
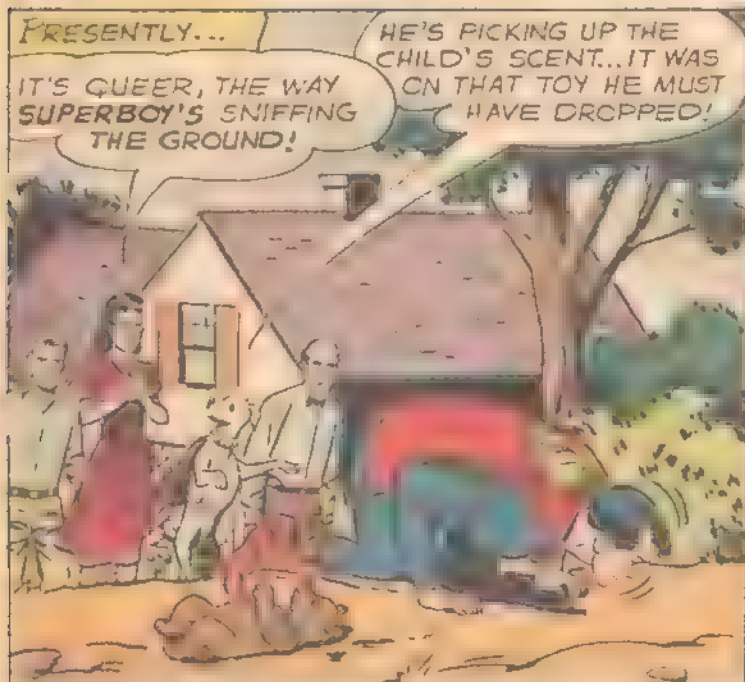


LATER THAT AFTERNOON...

OH, SUPERBOY, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! MY LITTLE BABY WANDERED OFF AND IS LOST... CAN YOU FIND HIM?

FEAR NOT, MADAM! SHOW ME WHERE YOU LAST SAW YOUR SON, AND I'LL HAVE SUPERBOY TRACE HIM!





BUT WHEN SUPERBOY AND KRYPTO REACH THE LANG HOUSE...

I'VE FINALLY STUDIED THE INSCRIPTIONS ENOUGH SO THAT I CAN PROVE BEYOND DOUBT ALL MY TRANSLATIONS ARE CORRECT!

THAT'S GOOD NEWS! WE CAN DROP THIS HOAX NOW, KRYPTO!

HOAX??

YES! I WHISPERED TO KRYPTO THAT HE SHOULD STAND ON HIS HIND LEGS AND THAT WE'D PRETEND OUR MINDS WERE EXCHANGED SO THEY'D BELIEVE YOUR FATHER TRANSLATED THE INSCRIPTION ON THAT SPHERE TRULY! WE HAD TO KEEP IT UP TILL HE HAD TIME TO COMPLETE HIS STUDIES AND OBTAIN HIS PROOF!

I USED SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM TO MAKE KRYPTO "TALK", AND KRYPTO MADE ME "BARK" BY HIS POWERS OF VENTRILLOQUISM! WE DIDN'T LET YOU IN ON OUR HOAX, BECAUSE WE KNEW YOUR FATHER IS SO HONORABLE HE WOULD NEVER CONSENT TO SUCH A SCHEME, EVEN IF IT MEANT HIS PROMOTION!

BUT NOW THAT YOUR FATHER CAN PROVE HIS TRANSLATIONS ARE CORRECT, WE DON'T NEED TO KEEP UP THIS ACT! WE'LL TELL EVERYONE THE "BLACK MAGIC" EFFECT WORE OFF!

SHORTLY...

I SAVED THIS JUICY CHOP THAT I RECEIVED FOR FINDING THAT CHILD. YOU'VE EARNED IT, KRYPTO, AND I TRUST YOU WON'T EVER FORGET THAT YOU'RE THE DOG AND I'M THE MASTER!

ARF! ARF!

The End.

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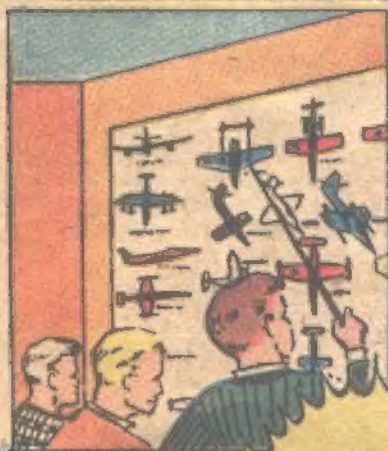
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